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INSIDE EIGHT/PAGES FROM SUNDAY'S **WEEKLY REVIEW**

November CPI up 0.6%; 1996 expected to hit 10.6%

DAVID HARRIS

THE consumer price index rose 0.6 percent in November, to 142.0 points, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced yesterday. It was the sixth consecutive month in which the CPI has increased by less than 1%.

Since January, inflation has totaled 9.7%, and in the year to November was running at 11%. CBS figures suggest inflation will reach 10.58% in 1996, compared to the Finance Ministry's

predicted 8-10%. The main element of last month's increase was in housing, up 1%, and comprising some 33% of the entire November CPI increase. Apartment prices rose 1.1%, with rented properties

becoming 0.5% more expensive. Furnishings and household items rose in price some 0.9%, principally through increases in the costs of electric heaters (1.3%) and children's furnishings

The clothing and footwear index rose 3.9%, the CBS attributing this to the start of the winter season.

Transportation and communications prices went up 0.4%, mainly because of increases in the cost of - up 2.2% for vehicles - and .3% rise in train fares.

e cost of health services rose and food prices (excluding and vegetables) increased

the other hand, there were ions in the price of fruit and ables (1.4%). Fresh fruit s dropped 5.5%, with fresh tables rising in price by 1.5%. ie main factors likely to affect December CPI are the increase electricity tariffs and a relativesmall seasonal increase in clothmg and footwear prices.



A Palestinian holds up a poster of Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine leader George Habash at a rally in Nablus yesterday. Two PFLP members are suspected of killing Etta Tzur and her son Ephraim in last week's drive-by shooting near Beit EL (AP).

Fighting continues in south Lebanon

FIGHTING continued in south Lebanon yesterday after a weekend Katyusha rocket attack on the Galilee and an abortive Hizbullah ambush, in which a senior IDF officer and a soldier were lightly

IAF warplanes struck at Hizbullah targets in the southern Bekaa Valley, which is controlled by Syrian forces, and IDF troops shot and killed a second gunman who had been involved in Saturday's ambush attempt.

Brig-Gen. Eli Amitai, head of the IDF's Lebanese Liaison Unit, and a radioman in the convoy were lightly wounded when it was hit by the gunmen. Their wounds did not prevent them from participating in the ensuing gunfight in which the soldiers charged the attackers, killing one and wounding another.

The wonneed a covered later in a search of the scene of the clash yesterday and was killed when he tried to resist

Amitai returned to the scene, on the Ishiyeh-Rehan road in the eastern sector of the zone, with OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine and other senior officers. Levine told reporters it is clear Hizbullah was not responsible for the Katyusha rocket attack on Western Galilee on Friday

"About three rockets were fired from the area of Kleileh village [north of the zone] at Western Galilee. The firing was perpetrated by one or more Palestinian groups, either the PFLP of George Habash or Jibril's organization with the participation of Amal

activists," said Levine. "In any case, the area is under

DAVID RUDGE

about 250 meters away."

flak jackers and helmets.

said, Amitai.

He said the Hizbullah attackers had been well equipped with LAW

anti-tank missile launchers,

machine guns, grenades, and automatic rifles. They were

dressed in military uniforms, with

The aim of the gunmen, he said,

is to carry out hit-and-run opera-

might have hindered their retreat,"

Meanwhile, IAF warplanes

the control of the Lebanese government and the Lebanese Army, and this is the most flagrant breach of the Grapes of Wrath

understandings," he said.
Levine emphasized what he described as the "enormous difference" between "accidental and regrettable" incidents in which Lebanese civilians were harmed as a result of IDF return fire and terrorist rocket attacks deliberately aimed at civilian targets in the Galilee.

Israel has complained to the Grapes of Wrath monitoring committee over the rocket attacks. The committee is to meet at UNIFIL headquarters in Nakoura today to discuss the matter.

Levine said the Hizbullah ambush on the IDF convoy had cuted by two or three squads of gunnen, hiding among rocks and trees lining the road.

He praised the fast, professional response of the officers and soldiers in the patrol, who counterattacked immediately, despite a withering hail of machine gun, light weapons, and anti-tank fire.

Neither [Amitai or the radioman] even noticed their injuries and continued the charge and searches until nightfall, and only afterwards were they sent for examination and treatment," said Levine. "This is how to act and this is how we expect our officers

and our soldiers to act," he said. "The soldiers acted quickly, with determination and courage ... The force charged and killed one of the gunmen, who had fired from a distance of about 150 meters. Another squad had fired from

The matter was brought up by police, who asked Judge Amiram

Binyamini to issue a court order,

demanding that the deceased's

family bury her in the traditional Jewish fashion.

debate, Health Ministry represen-

tative Dr. Avital Cohen insisted

that she would not agree to the

body now because too much time has elapsed since the time of

should be frozen directly after

Israeli law states that bodies

must be buried within 48 hours of

(Continued on Page 9)

"It is impossible to freeze the

she argued. "Bodies

body being kept on ice here.

During a somewhat stormy

PM, Arafat talk to ease tensions

DAVID MAKOVSKY and ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

PALESTINIAN Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat phoned Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu last night in an apparent bid by both to calm tensions in the aftermath of recent violence, a cabinet decision to extend financial incentives to settlers, and charges by both sides that the other is out to undermine peace. Arafat's call came as top negotiator Yitzhak Molcho and cabinet

secretary Danny Naveh met last night with Arafat in Gaza. According to a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office last night, the two sides discussed prospects of moving forward on the Hebron talks. Earlier in the

day Arafat reportedly had rejected a visit by Molcho to Gaza, saying it would not lead anywhere. Molcho apparently briefed Arafat on Friday's cabinet decision to provide financial incentives to settlets.

Foreign Minister David Levy is to brief the Jordanians on this decision in Amman tomorrow and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai is to travel to Cairo for the same purpose on Wednesday. US Consul-General Edward Abington is expected to meet with

Arafat today. During the phone call, Arafat expressed sorrow for the killings (Continued on Page 9)

Much ado about a 'fence'

HERB KEINON

A NEW fence that Channel I reported was put up yesterday in Beit El as the first step toward new building in the settlement was dis-missed by settlement leaders as being only an eruv, an halachic device that enables observant lews to carry on Shabbat.

Channel 1 said that the fence, erected yesterday, was meant to define an area near the adjacent army base where construction will

But Yoav Barak, secretary of Beit El Bet, said that he knows of no plans to build at the site, and that he believes the fence was only an eruv. He said that eruvim can take all types of forms, including a fence, and are not always a piece of wire tied toward the top of high

Aharon Domb, the general-secretary of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, said that at first the fence was a "local initiative" by a couple of residents who wanted to croate the impression that construction in the settlement is taking place. A few minutes later Domb amended his comments, saying that after jooking into the matter further, he found the fence is indeed an error. He sent incissages to reposters taying, "An error is meant at enable carrying objects on Shabbat, and not for the purpose of con-

tions and avoid close contact as much as possible. "They left rounds at IDF and SLA positions behind the dead terrorist and the in the central and eastern sectors one who was wounded ... as well of the zone, without causing casuas all the beavy equipment that

casualties in the air raid.

alties or damage. IBF and SLA gunners returned fire, with the exchanges continuing spotadically until late evening.

struck at Hizbullah targets in the

southern Bekaa Valley, primarily

at hillside hideaways near the vil-

lages of Ein al-Tineh and Mashghara The IDF Spokesman

said all the planes returned safely.

Reports from Lebanon said two jets carried out three sorties, firing

over six rockets at the targets.

Hizballah denied suffering any

Shortly afterward, Hizbullah

gunmen fired dozens of mortar

Children seek to put mom on ice

RAINE MARCUS

Now Moshe and his sister Rahel

have two days to determine

whether the Alaskan authorities

will agree to bury Astrovitz in an

Astrovitz died on December 3,

and since then her body has been

kept in a refrigerator in Wolfson

Hospital. If the Alaskan arrange-

ment does not work out, the sib-

lings wish to bury her here in for-

malin and ice to preserve her body, in the hope that one day scientists

may find the formula to bring her

back to life. The court ruled that

all sides should examine the possi-

bility of burying Astrovitz in for-

malin and ice until a final decision

be possible."

iceberg in Alaska.

THE strange tale of a brother and sister who wish to freeze their mother's body, in case scientists discover a way to bring back the dead, emerged in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Moshe Be'eri, son of the deceased Miriam Astrovitz, explained the reason for the extraordinary request.

"We love our mother and find it hard to part from her," he said after the hearing. "We had a special relationship with her and this is the only way to bring her back

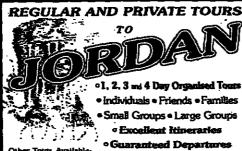
When asked how his mother could rise from the dead, he answered: "At the moment it is impossible, but in the future, with the help of modern science, it will

Israel beats Luxembourg 1-0 DEREK FATTAL

A LATE first-half goal by veteran Eli Ohana was enough to secure a vital 1-0 Israeli victory over Luxembourg in last night's Group 5 World Cup qualifier played at the National Stadium Ramat Gan. The three points gained pro-pelled Israel back into second position in the group. Story, Page 10



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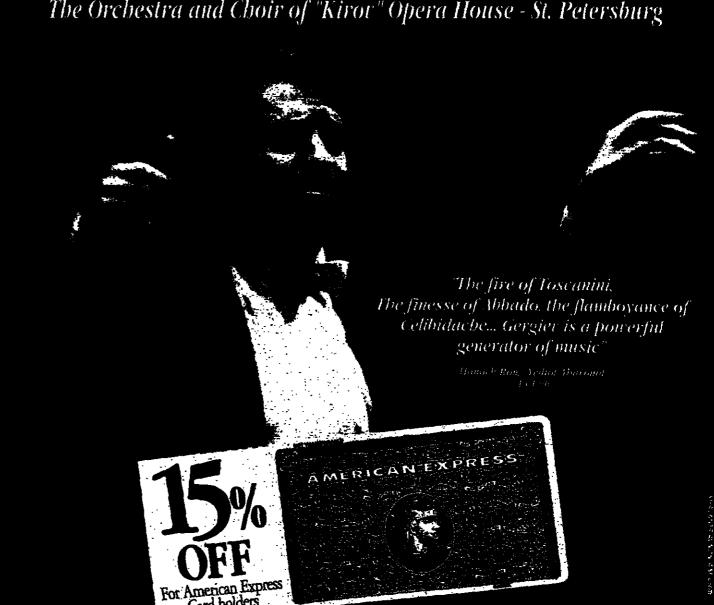
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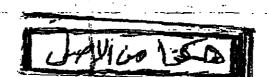
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Settler benefits include education, housing, business aid

HERB KEINON

FREE preschools for the kids, a larger mortgage for the first home of young married couples and a 20 percent grant for the rich uncle setting up a factory across the Green Line are among the benefits residents of the settlements once again will enjoy as a result of the government's decision to declare all settlements areas of top nation-

The basket of benefits that all the settlements will now receive can be broken into three categories: education; housing; and business. A 7% tax break that comes with the status of National Priority Area A has long been

enjoyed by the settlements. Regarding the business benefits. an investor who sets up a successful business will be eligible for either a 30% grant or receive a tax exemption for 10 years.

As far as mortgages, people buy-ing homes in the settlements will receive a larger mortgage with bet-ter terms. In addition to these loans, those going to selected settlements also will receive an additional grant.
The mortgages' exact sums have not yet been determined and the settlements are likely to be subclassified, so that someone going to live in Givat Ze'ev, just north of Jerusalem, will not receive the same amount as someone opting to live in Bracha, in the heart of

Regarding education, the new status means that residents will pay only a symbolic fee of about NIS 25 a month to send their children to preschool, instead of nearly NIS 400 a month, and that for day care they will pay NIS 350 instead of NIS 850.

In addition, the Education Ministry will subsidize extracur-ricular classes for children from settlements, even if they do not have the number of children that is required for these classes. For instance, if the Education Ministry merally subsidizes piano classes if there are 20 children, they will do so in the settlements even if there are 10 children.

In addition, teachers who teach in the settlements will receive additional years of tenure for teaching beyond the Green Line.

Incentives to settlers show new priorities

THE government's decision to classify the settlements as national priority areas, making them once again eligible for a large basket of financial incentives, is much more important than merely the sum of "how much the settlers are getting."

This decision is a policy statement that signals to the settlers that they are important, to nonideological Israelis that it is worth their while to move across the Green Line; to the world that Israel is not going to give up any of the settlements so easily.

It was no coincidence that one of the first things the Rabin government did when it swept into power in 1992 was remove this status from the settlements. It was part of the government's reordering of priorities and an important signal to the Americans and the rest of the world that the days of coddling the settlements were over. This was almost as important a message as

the decision to freeze construction. Prior to the election of the Labor government in 1992, nearly all of Judea, Samaria, Gaza and the Golan benefited from the classification as National Priority Area A. But soon after the elections, Shimon Sheves, then director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, had a team look at a map of the country and determine anew which areas would get the bene-fits. Many, but not all, of the settlements were left out of the plan. Under the Sheves Pian, the

Golan, Gush Katif, the Jordan Valley, Hebron Hills settlements and, to a lesser extent, the Greater Jerusalem settlements retained much of their financial incentives. But benefits in the rest of the settlements were lost, with the exception of a 7 percent tax break.

The Sheves plan was more than just a map of priorities, it was the best indication at the time of what Rabin meant when he made his famous differentiations between "political" settlements, which he opposed, and "security settlements." which he supported. The political settlements, those in the heart of the territories, lost the benefits; while the security settlements. for the most part, retained theirs.

With the cancellation of the Sheves map, the Netanyahu govemment is saying, "In our eyes, all the settlements are equal."

If the decision is so significant, why then is the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza downplaying it, saying that it is a poor substitute for their demands for immediate building?

The reason is simply because the council cannot create the impression that Netanyahu is giving in to their demands. They have to complain, its part of their role under the new government. If they cheer Netanyahu, it places him on the "extreme right." By criticizing him, they are helping to place him in the center, the political ground

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Foreign Ministry weighs diplomatic mission closures

THE Foreign Ministry is drawing up a list of 16 diplomatic missions abroad. 10 of which will be eliminated due to the current round of supplementary budget cuts passed by the cabinet last week.

The Foreign Ministry has been mandated to cut NIS 45 million, five percent of its overall budget, making it one of the hardest-hit ministries on a percentage basis. There are indications that Foreign Minister David Levy will not contest the cut, since he has been one of the most vocal advocates of cutting those parts of the budget which will not hurt the poor.

Foreign Ministry officials say the final decision on which missions abroad will be DAVID MAKOVSKY and Itim

cut will be made by Foreign Ministry Director-General Eitan Bentsur, amid consultations with the relevent regional and administrative ministry bureaus. One of the considerations is whether the closing of one diplomatic mission will mean that the area can be covered by a non-resident ambassador in the vicinity

While the list of 16 has not been officially disclosed, officials say they believe at least the following embassies are on the proposed list Angola, Belarus, Bolivia, Burma, Dominican Republic, Georgia, Nepal, New Zealand, Panama, and

Paraguay. Among the consulates believed to be under consideration are those in Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Shanghai.

The Shanghai diplomatic mission was only opened a few years ago.

Two years ago, the closing of embassies in Bolivia and Paraguay was forestalled due to indications by the host countries that they would move their respective embassies to Jerusalem. However, in apparent fear of Arab reaction, the two decided to move their embassies to Mevasseret Yerushalayim, outside the

municipal boundaries.

During the last round of cuts a feyears ago, Israel decided not to clos embassies in Costa Rica and El Salvado since both host countries have embassic in Jerusalem. Israel also spared in embassy in Equador, since like E Salvador, it has purchased Israeli Kin jets which require continuous contacts and visits by Israeli personnel.

Israel has approximately 100 diplomatic missions in the world. In recent years, it has closed embassies in Fiji, Hairi, Honduras, Jamaica, Liberia, Malawi, and Swaziland. It also closed consulates in

Milan and Zurich.

Bassiouny warns of recall

Mohammed Bassiouny left open the possibility last night that Cairo might recall him unless Israel advances the

"Everything is open," he said. "We hope the Israeli government will move forward and implement the agreement. Not moving means a deterioration in the region.'

"I am not threatening you, but it would not be only this [the return of the ambassador]. Many things can happen. You know where it starts.

You don't know where it ends." Bassiouny was speaking to Arab affairs reporters from his Herziva home, where he reviewed the stall-

The Egyptian envoy stressed that Cairo is a partner, rather than a nest. ator, in the peace process. He wanted that failure to implement the Oslo Accords would result in violence that would undermine stability in the Middle East

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NEWS IN BRIEF

some students yesterday, for the first time since the wave of suicide bombings last spring. Two of the buildings were opened and the rest were to follow gradually "if law and order are kept on the

The decision came following two weeks of meetings between IDF and Palestinian Authority officers in which the Palestinians

It also follows a sit-in of 200 students last week at Hebron's Islamic University, which also has been closed since March.

committed themselves to maintaining law and order, the army said.

Students reportedly said the protests ended after the army agreed to reopen the Polytechnic, but the army denied there was any deal.

PA court sentences two Hamas men to death

A Palestinian Authority court yesterday sentenced to death alleged

Hamas members Khalil al-Sakani and Hatem Abu Wadi, who were

convicted of killing PA policeman Akram Ahmed and civilian Abd

Alla al-Danaf in separate incidents in 1995, judicial officials said.

A third alleged Hamas member, Abd al-Latif al-Ashker, received a

Court death sentences in Gaza cannot be carried out without the

approval of PA Chairman Yasser Arafat, who has yet to ratify any

Dayan testifies attack on her was deliberate

hot tea, he flung it at her, MK Yael Dayan (Labor) testified in

Immediately after she rejected Yisrael Lederman's offer of a cup of

Jerusalem Magistrates' Court yesterday, at the opening of his trial,

Lederman is accused of throwing scalding hot tea at Dayan when she was touring Hebron in October with the Knesset Committee on

Dayan denied he was pushed and accidentally spilled the tea,

interrupted by both : ederman and another man, whom the court ejected. MK Naomi Chazan (Meretz) also testified and a tape of

burning her neck and chest. During her testimony, she was

life sentence for his role in the murders.

the incident was shown.

of the previous five death sentences handed down.

IDF allows Hebron Polytech to reopen The IDF allowed the Hebron Polytechnic to reopen its doors to

A TEL AVIV-BASED organiza- chased privately by Irving tion has raised \$35 million from Moskovitz, who lives in the US. One Jews abroad to purchase land in the territories, and has purchased a large plot in the Hebron Hills area and another near the Machpela Cave in Hebron, Israel Radio

reported yesterday.

The report, which did not list the names of those involved, said that the organization is called the Bat-Hen Tshuva Group. According to the report, the group purchased the land in the Hebron Hills area for seven million dollars, and land near the Machpela Cave for

\$900,000. Private Jewish land purchases in the territories have been going on for years, and are kept highly secret. Settler activists said the amount of money the radio reported had been raised seems "high." and that it is likely the sum mentioned has been collected over a number of years.

The proposed Jewish neighborhood in Jerusalem's Ras al-Armid section is slated to go up on land pur-

spot," the army said.

settlement source said that Moskovitz has also bought land in the territories, but would not elaborate.

Another activist who is very involved in these types of land deals said that the purchase of the land does not guarantee that some-thing will be built on it, and that government approval is needed for anything to be built on the land.

One of the activists said the deals are secret because Palestinians who sell land to Jews fear for their lives, and because of the concern that the publicity will keep them from going through.

The price Jews pay for Arabowned real estate in the territories is extremely high, the activist said. Reports have surfaced in recent weeks of a property near the Beit Hadassah complex in Hebron that was bought from Palestinians for close to Sim. "It's all a matter of supply and demand," the source said. "They know we badly want these properties."

MERETZ leader MK Yossi Sarid yesterday blasted Labor leader Shimon Peres for not taking a firmer stand and leading the opposition against the government's policy.

Accusing Peres of having a "defeatist attitude," Sarid said if he lacks the strength and capability to lead the opposition "he should go home and let others, who have, do the job which is more important today than ever." Sarid was commenting on Peres's statement in an interview on Israel Radio yesterday morn-

ing, that the opposition is to a large extent powerless to topple the government or change its policy. Peres said the new law which requires a majority of 61 MKs to topple the government "was one of the worst mistake in our history. We've taken the Knesset's soul and authority away, and deprived it from the possibility to change policy. The new law bestows all the authority on the prime minis-

Sarid said that by explaining that the opposition in fact cannot do anything "Peres is doing a grave disservice to the opposition and I think he is betraying the confi-dence of almost 50% of the public who voted for him. I was angered and shamed to hear him express such defeatist positions, which cause so much demoralization."

Barak to PM: Extend vacation by 3 years

MICHAL YUDELMAN

LABOR leadership candidate MK Ehud Barak yesterday recommended that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu "extend his camel vacation by three years and release the nation from his weather vane of foolish decisions." Netanyahu and his wife were photographed riding camels during a vacation at Mitzpe Ramon over the weekend.

Barak cited Netanyahu's "foolish and disastrous decisions from the Western Wall Tunnel opening. through the drilling in the Golan, then the mishandling of Hebron, and now this idiotic decision on giving the settlements the status of priority development areas." Barak said he was certain the pub-

lic would realize that Netanyahu was substituting public relations for leadership. He described the cabinet decision as "watered-down Zionism," noting that even the settiers' leaders agree the previous government did more for the settlements than Netanyahu's "watereddown, false statements."

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Peres MICHAL YUDELMAN

MDA files brief against closing station in TA

MAGEN David Adom has filed a defensive brief with the Tel Aviv District Court asking it to reject the Tel Aviv Municipality's demand for the closure of the MDA station on Rehov Alkalai in north Tel Aviv.

MDA's lawyers said the municipality owes MDA NIS 1.5 million for operating expenses of its mobile intensive care unit in the city, which the municipality is supposed to help cover. MDA management asked the municipality to deduct this debt from MDA's debt in leasing charges for the north Tel Aviv station property. However, the city refused to make this trade-off, and as a result, the station is due to close.

The MDA spokesman said, apparently, the Tel Aviv Municipality decided that city residents aren't entitled to the vital life-saving services of the station, and hundreds of them are liable to lose their lives in an emergency as

He added that more than half of the sum demanded in leasing charges need not be paid because they involved debts of many years

Meanwhile, the MICU in Western Galilee remains out of commission due to debts by the local authorities, Nahariya Government Hospital and Kupat Holim Clalit. As a result, 57 calls for medical help that received for medical help that required treatment by an MICU in recent days were treated by an ordinary ambulance, MDA said yesterday.

MICUs are manned by doctors and specially trained paramedics, and contain sophisticated resuscitation equipment that is unavailable on a regular ambulance. The Katyusha attacks in the North over the weekend highlighted the urgency of reinstituted MICU service, MDA said, but the organization cannot afford to do so unless the local authorities, the hospital and the health fund pay their

Kazakhstan children undergoing cosmetic surgery at Soroka

SIX children from the republic of Kazakhstan have arrived at Beersheba's Soroka Hospital to undergo cosmetic surgery for congenital defects such as a cleft palate and lip. Due to lack of facilities and awareness in their own country, the children were not treated as babies, said Prof. Lior Rosenberg of Soroka's maxillofa-

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Kazakhstan, the Kazakh Embassy in Israel, the Metek Metal Technology company (which sets up refineries and petroleum fields in Kazakhstan). Kupat Holim Clalit's international relations department and Soroka.

Additional children will be treated here, as well as in Kazakhstan by Israeli doctors, who will train local physicians in the surgery. A The cost of the treatment is team led by Rosenberg is due to being covered by a fund established by the president of mer to train local doctors.

with the aid of an optic fiber. Since

it was a large cancerous growth,

doctors had to do this in two stages

ment had succeeded and the uterus

was completely normal, she was

allowed to get pregnant. But

because of fertility problems, she underwent in-vitro fertilization at

the hospital and two weeks ago

delivered the twins. The mother is

Beller said that advances in treat-

ment of gynecological cancers and

fertility treatments allow young

women suffering from such tumors the chance of having children.

in excellent condition.

over a period of two months. After Beller saw that the treat-

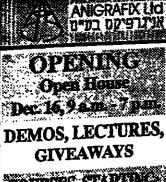
Former cancer patient gives birth to twins

---- A--- 28-YEAR-OLD -- Jerusalem -- received - the hormone proges-Tonian who two years ago was suf-fering from cancer of the Then, the tumor was removed via endometrium (lining of the uterus) the cervix using an electric scalpel has given birth to healthy twins after undergoing conservative treatment that eliminated the tumor.

Getting endometrial cancer at such a young age is rare; in older women, the standard treatment is to remove the uterus. Because the patient was married but had not yet had children, Dr. Uzi Beller, head of Shaare Zedek Hospital's surgical and oncological gynecology unit, offered to use a techsique that would not make her

Over several months, she

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Former Lehi member Yusuf Abu Ghosh is carried to his final resting place yesterday in the village that bears his name.

Lehi fighter Abu Ghosh dead at 77

entered the prison on the pre-

text of visiting an Abu Ghosh

resident being held there.

The four brought in a bundle

of "laundry," including an Arab woman's outfit and

smuggled it into the showers,

THE funeral of Yusuf Abu Ghosh, a former Arab member of Lebi (otherwise known as the Stern group), took place yesterday in the village of Abu Ghosh outside Jerusalem. He was 77.

Abu Ghosh was best known for the part he played in freeing former MK Geula from jail in Cohen Russian Compound after she had been sentenced to nine years' imprisonment by the British mandatory authorities for operating the Lehi radio and carrying arms.

In her book, Story of a Fighter, Cohen told how Yusuf Abu Ghosh and two other: Asabs from Abu Ghosh, as well as a Jewish girl dressed as an Arab, had

Policeman to be

indicted for

slapping Arab

THE Justice Ministry's police

investigation division has recommended indicting a border police-man who allegedly struck an Arab

in the courtyard of the Beersheba

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to the ministry's investigation, the

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he asked for a drink of water, and

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where Cohen put on the clothes and veil, and then made her getaway. The girl and one of the three Arabs engaged a warder in conversation, while the other two staged a diversionary quarrel. They hit each other so real-

istically, even turning on the British, that they were arrest-When it was discovered

that Cohen was no longer in the shower, the alarm was

sounded - but meanwhile the girl and the Arab had left. Yusuf Abu Ghosh and a cousin, Abdul Salem Abu Ghosh, were held, interrogated, and beaten, but did not break.

In 1951, after having disappeared and returned from Nablus, then under Jordanian rule, Yusuf Abu Ghosh served 18 months' imprisonment for the attempted murder of his cousin, Abdul Salem, apparently because the latter had decided to support an Arab party affiliated with Mapai in the general elections of 1949, rather than

later reconciled in a sulfa.
The deceased left a widow, a son, two daughters, and numerous grandchildren.

the Lehi list. The two were

Soldier dies of rat-bite rabies

A 19-YEAR-OLD soldier, Rafi Tal of Netanya, died yesterday at Sheba Hospital of rabies, two months after being bitten on the lip by an unidentified animal believed to be a rat - in his army tent. It was the first reported case of a rat spreading the disease to humans, and the first case in 39 years of an Israeli contracting and succumbing to rabies.

Although the rabid animal had not been caught and examined, the Acre district health office decided against immunizing the soldier against rabies, which would undoubtedly have saved him. Weeks after the bite, he was brought to Hillel Yoffe Hospital in Hadera, and when he lost consciousness, he was transferred to the Tel

Hashomer hospital.

Blood and saliva samples were sent to the Pasteur Institute in Paris for confirmation of the diagnosis, as local labs lacked the ability to confirm it, and local doctors themselves were able to reach a diagnosis only on the basis of textbook descriptions, as they had never seen a case before.

For the last month of his life, Tal was unconscious and attached to a respirator, as there is no effective treatment once the incubation stage ends and the actual symptoms of the disease appear. People who had been in direct contact with him were vaccinated as well, as the virus can theoretically spread from an infected per-

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza yester-

day received the recommendations of a ministry-appointed team that looked into the tragic event. They reported that the district health office physician who made the faulty decision based it on the soldier's account that he was bitten by a small animal - such as a mouse or rat which have not been involved in spreading rabies in this country.

The ministry decided to expand the definition of "bites by an unidentified animal" to include all mammals, even small ones such as rodents, because they could be infected by rabies. It will hold seminars for staffers and refresh their memories on dealing with animal bites, as well as expand its program of giving of anti-rabies vaccine to wild and domesticated animals.

Meanwhile, the Israel Anti-Vivisection Society issued a statement, declaring that leaving anti-rabies vaccine on bait for wild animals was the best way to combat rabies in the animal population. The society charged that the oral vaccine, recommended by the World Health Organization, was offered to Israel free by Germany, but that it was refused by the Agriculture Ministry's chief veterinarian, who "prefers to kill off tens of thousands of stray dogs and cats for fear that they were infected by foxes." The society added that such a policy was not only cruel, but unnecessary, as only 3 percent of animals that were put down were found in pathological exams of their brains to have been rabid.

When in doubt, vaccinate

RABIES, spread by a virus in the saliva, can theoretically be contracted via bites or scratches by any mammal – from dogs, jackals, foxes, and cats to skinks, cows, weasels, and even small rodents. Dr. Jacob Assaf, an internal medicine specialist and director of the emergency department at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, said yesterday that anti-rabies vaccine should be given immediately if there is any possibility a rabid animal was involved.

"I don't have information on this specific case," Assaf said, but the principles are that someone who has been bitten or scratched by an mammal that ran away in a region where rabies is known to exist

should be vaccinated." Years ago, getting anti-rabies shots was a near-nightmare, consisting of a series of painful shots into the abdomen. Today, while not pleasant anti-rabies vaccine is given in the arm; one injection with pas-sive vaccine and the rest (usually five) active vaccine. The risk of complications

I signed forms for administering two rabies shots just today," Assaf said. "Soldiers who are in contact with animals, even those who remove the body of a donkey, are the most common recipients of

The initial symptoms of rabies are misleading, as they are very similar to that of influenza: a headache, sore throat, weakness, tiredness, and nausea. But these develop into a variety of frightening neurological, muscular, and other symptoms, including muscle spasms, respiratory and swallowing difficulties, excessive salivation, and reduced blood pressure.

In addition, there may also be psychological symptoms, including aggressiveness or depressive behavior and hallucinations. The symptoms in humans are very similar to those that appear in a rabid dog, and death is very painful if the patient is

Assaf says he himself has never seen a person with rabies, and that experience with the disease - almost totally confined to the Third World - is minimal.

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WORLD NEWS Tanzania, Rwanda send

refugees home

POLICE hurled tear gas, fired guns in the air and swing batons at Rwandan refugees yesterday to force them to clear out of Tanzania.

Tens of thousands who had been hiding in forests and remained in a remote camp were on the road to Rwanda, following thousands who were driven out before them.

They threw grenades at us that made a lot of smoke. It hurt our eyes," said a refugee who cradled an infant and identified herself as

Another refugee, Leonard, said it was tear gas. The refugees declined to give their last names for fear of being menaced by Tanzanian

or Rwandan authorities. Other refugees reported that police fired guns into the air and beat refugees with sticks.

More than a dozen refugees interviewed separately along a 10-km. stretch of road about 60 km. southeast of the border all reported that hundreds of police used force to drive them out of Kitali Hills camp and remote forests where they were hiding to avoid repatriation.

One woman said three children died from the tear gas fumes; another said five children were killed. Others reported that from three to eight refugees.

KARIN DAVIES KITALI HILLS, Tanzania

adults were killed, and eight committed suicide rather than return to Rwanda. Two men said 60 died in the violence, but others in the crowd dismissed their claims.

It was impossible to independently verify the claims. Tanzanian authorities refused to speak to reporters, so they could not be asked about the refugees' reports.

As the Tanzanian police and military began a major operation to forcibly repatriate 535,000 refugees on Saturday. Brigadier Msuya, who uses only one name, said violence would not be

Tanzania wants all 535,000 Rwandan Hums remaining in the country out by Dec. 31 because the refugees deforested much of the Ngara area - which lies in the Burigi Nationa! Reserve - and killed animals.

They had also used land illegally for gr. wing crops and building settlements in hopes of settling down permanently. Lately, Tanzania has blamed an increase in violent crime on armed

The walk home came after Hutu extremists who controlled the camps led the fleeing refugees deeper into Tanzania.

Tanzania yesterday barred UN aid workers and journalists from the road clogged with

Tanzanian troops had not used force since about 12,000 refugees walked across the narrow bridge spanning Rusumo Falls and into Rwanda starting Saturday.

Aid workers at the border estimated about 3,000 were crossing per hour later yesterday. Some 22,000 had crossed yesterday, said Peter. Kessler, a UN High Commissioner for Refugees spokesman.

He said the groups of refugees were growing bigger, and late yesterday 2,000 were crossing every 15 minutes. Those in the 18-km. column of more than 500,000 refugees remaining in northwestern

Tanzania appeared reluctant to complete the

last few kilometers. Only the International Committee of the Red Cross and Oxfam were allowed access to refugees, who have by now emptied almost all of the camps after being told they had to go home. (AP)



British Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind (left) jokes with his Cypriot counterpart Alecos Michaelid upon Rifkind's arrival in Larnaca yesterday, part of his mission to persuade Turkish and Gree Cypriots to open peace talks. The visit was the first in Cyprus by a British minister in 30 years.

Court annuls Milosevic victory in Nis

BELGRADE (AP) - In an apparent attempt to defuse weeks of protest against President Slobodan Milosevic, a court he controls ordered an opposition victory in Serbia's second largest city restored, the opposition said yes-

Although voting lists showed the opposition coalition clearly won the November 17 elections in the city of Nis, the local electoral commission proclaimed Milosevic's Socialists the winners.

The proclamation touched off weeks of protests against Milosevic, the largest since he came to power in 1987, and the opposition appealed the decision. Tens of thousands of people joined

Milosevic called for repeat elec-tions where irregularities were

cutor said he had no jurisdiction.

military court.

Italo Ormanni, deputy Rome public prosecutor.

referred the controversial case back to a preliminary

examining judge with a recommendation that Italy's

highest court, the Court of Cassation, be asked to

decide whether Priebke should be tried in civilian or

Ormanni was assigned the case on December 5, armed forces.

The Socialists will probably appeal the court's new ruling,

opposition, could not immediately be confirmed.

State-run media had earlier speculated that Milosevic might hand over Nis to the opposition in exchange for keeping control of the capital, Belgrade.

"We don't want any deals with Milosevic," said an opposition leader, Zoran Djindjic. "We will continue our protests till we get all our victories back and regardless of his concessions."

International officials have warned of the standoff between Milosevic and protesters.

Tens of thousands of demonstrators have taken to the streets every day for almost four weeks. About 200,000 people were in Belgrade on Saturday to demand that Milosevic restore their victories. Earlier yesterday, news media controlled by Milosevic accused

ROME (Reuter) - An Italian war crimes case against when a panel of military judges concluded that a civil

former SS captain Erich Priebke was left without a court should decide whether Priebke was guilty of court to be heard in yesterday after a civilian prose-

atrocity.

----Italian civil-court does not want Priebke trial

opposition leaders said. The court's demonstrators of being in the serruling yesterday, announced by the vice of the US. Germany and other vice of the US, Germany and other

foreign powers.

Serbian TV, Milosevic's mouthpiece, showed demonstrators carrying large American and German flags and commented that this shows they are Western stooges.

The TV, which has been the main target of demonstrators' anger for its biased reporting, also carried numerous alleged letters of support for Milosevic from throughout Serbia saying he was "protecting the country's sovereignty" against American interference.

"Today, we have two Serbias," said opposition leader Vesna Pesic. "One is Milosevic's arrogant Serbia which wants to remain an isolated island in the democratic world '

"The other is our Serbia, which is not afraid of the world and democracy," Pesic said. "And our Serbia is winning."

Their ruling brought Priebke's case into line with that of another SS veteran, former major Karl Hass, whose

Ormanni said he believed a military rather than a

civilian court should handle the case because the SS

was made up of soldiers and therefore was part of the

trial is being sought in Italy for the same atrocity.

More than 80 killed in fierce Mogadishu fighting

were believed killed yesterday and dozens wounded in some of the worst factional fighting in months in the divided Somali capital, witnesses said.

At least 42 people died after three mortar rounds landed on the crowded Bakara market in south Mogadishu in an area controlled by faction leader Hussein Aidid. Among the fatalities were 20 women selling jewelry, and most of the others were also civilians.

Many of the bodies were mutilated by shrappel, and the market had pools of blood. At least 150 wounded

passersby were taken to nearby hospitals.
In an area called Medina, also in south Mogadishu. about 40 people were believed killed in fighting, said sources at Ali Hassan Hospital. Residents contacted by phone reported that 23 of the dead were lying on the main market street.

Many of the deaths came from shelling after forces loyal to Aidid with dozens of battle wagons - trucks mounted with heavy weapons - attacked supporters of a rival faction led by Ali Mahdi Mohamed.

Shells that hit the Bakara market apparently came in retaliation for an attack by Aidid's forces. Both sides suffered casualties.

Among the dead in Medina were seven brothers aged between six months and 14 - who died when a mortar round landed on their house. Hospital workers were treating both parents who survived.

Aidid's supporters, who control a part of south Mogadishu, have laid siege to Medina, but all previous attempts to dislodge members of Ali Mahdi's Abgal subclan from the southern district have failed. Gunfire and loud explosions continued throughout the day yesterday.

Medina lies on the so-called green line dividing the two halves of war-tom Mogadishu, since the country - and the capital - disintegrated into a fieldom of warring clans in 1991.

Hancock.

Seizure of Russian troops may impede withdrawal

22 Russian troops by armed Chechens could impede the withdrawal of Russian forces from Chechnya, a senior military commander said yesterday.

The Chechens captured the Interior Ministry troops at a Russian guard post in neighboring Dagestan Saturday after they were forbidden to cross the border unless they left their weapons behind, Russian news agencies reported

Gen. Anatoly Shkirko, commander of Interior Ministry troops in Chechnya, told the ITAR-Tass news agency their seizure could complicate the withdrawal of the last two Russian brigades from the breakaway republic.

However, he said, any decision news agencies said.

MOSCOW (AP) - The seizure of to halt or slow the withdrawal would have to ultimately be made in the Kremlin by the political leadership.

On Friday, Gen. Vladimir Sukhoruchenko, commander of all Russian moops in Chechnya, said the withdrawal was ahead of schedule and may be completed next month.

Russia has agreed to pull out its last two brigades, numbering about 8,000 men, before presidential and parliamentary elections are held in the breakaway republic January 27.

The captured troops, deployed in the Russian region of Dagestan to guard its border with Chechnya, were seized by about 40 armed men and taken to Chechnya, the

Versatile comic Willie Rushton dead at 59

LONDON (AP) - Willie Rushton, a cartoonist, broadcaster and leading light of Britain's "satire boom" in the 1960s, died last week at age 59. Rushton, who was diabetic and recently had heart surgery, died at Cromwell Hospital after a brief illness, said his agent, Roger

Rushton was one of the founders in 1961 of Private Eye, which mixed crusading journalism, satire and silliness.

He was part of the cast of "That Was the Week That Was," which ran for 36 episodes in 1962-63 on the BBC. His speciality was impersonating Harold Macmillan. who was then prime minister.

His film credits include Nothing But The Best (1964), Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines (1965) and Monte Carlo Or Bust (1969).

Hungary bans 'Mein Kampf'

AFTER protests from Jewisl groups, Hungarian prosecutor have banned Mein Kampf, sayin Adolf Hitler's book violates indi vidual rights. The New York Times reported in yesterday's editions. "Anything that violate personal rights can be banned' under a 1986 media law writter by the Communist regime, prosecutor Attila Sarik told the

About 500 copies of a Hungarian translation of the book were sold after it was advertised in a far-right newspaper, Denokrata. The remaining copies have been confiscated, the Times reported. This is an anti-Semitic country. We shouldn't be surprised people are trying to sell it," said Guli Gal, a journalist at the Jewish newspaper Uj Elet (New Life). "Mein Kampf has no historical value, and the person who translated it is a

The English version of Mein Kampf also has been banned in Budapest, although a book-seller said he had sold only four copies of the book in four years. Other former communists states have; been edgy about extremist works.
In Poland, when Mein Kampf

first appeared in Polish four years ago, it had an anonymous introduction and neither the publisher nor translator were identified by their proper names. The publish was charged with, and acquitted of, "eulogizing fascism."
But all of this seemed to be good

for sales - 20,000 copies of the Polish edition sold out in days, the Times said.

Book-sellers in the Czech Republic, meanwhile, were reluctant to display the biography of Albert Speer, because the book jacket showed a photograph of the leader of the Nazi munitions effort with Hitler. Jerusalem Post Staff

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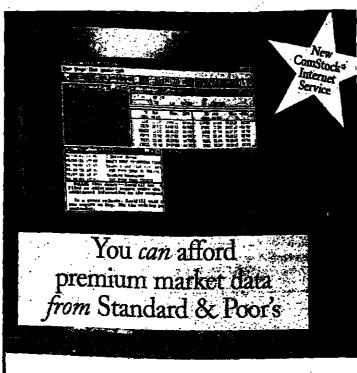
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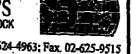
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JINGLE ALL THE WAY

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Directed by Brian Levant. Screenplay by Randy Kornfield, Deborah Kaplan, Harry Elfont, and Chris Columbus. 88 minutes.

With Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sinbad, Rita Willson, Robert Conrad. Jim Belushi

INGLE all the Way is a slickly wrapped but entertaining Christmas package that stars Arnold Schwarzenegger as Howard, a harried father who never follows through on the promises he makes to his young son. Feeling guilty, he vows to buy the boy his dream toy for the holiday – a superduper action figure named Turbo Man, The problem, though, is that it's already Christmas Eve and every last one of the dolls sold out weeks ago. What's a dead-beat dad to do? Howard embarks on a set of wild adventures, in desperate pur-suit of this plastic grail and his son's affections.

Directed by Brian (The Flintstones) Levant, and written by a team whose members include Chris (Home Alone) Columbus, the film provides a noisy, slapstick send-up of the "Christmas spirit" in its most acquisitive American form. The holiday, as celebrated by the characters in Jingle, has little to do with religion in the oldfashioned Christian sense of peace on earth and mercy mild. Instead. the movie satirizes that other, more widespread American belief

- in salvation through shopping. What results is not exactly a glowing portrait of the United States in late December. Using an exaggerated physical style, the filmmakers reduce all the grownups in the picture to temper-



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It's Christmas Eve and Howard (Arnold Schwarzenegger) wants a Turbo Man toy for his boy.

tantrum-throwing little kids who will push and shove and jump on each other to get their bands on a toy. And, throughout, the chipper,

seasonal soundtrack comments ironically on the hell they're all enduring: "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" bouncing along as a crazed pack of parents mani each other to get at the doll, "I'll be Home for Christmas" crooning as Howard's van runs out of gas and he's forced to push it alongside the freeway, etc.

Some of the routines are funnier than others. In one of the better bits, Jim Belushi appears as a sneaky-looking Santa Claus whose sidekick is a leering punk of a bearded elf. Sitcom star Sinbad spouts a few loud, lively riffs as a mailman who's racing with Howard to find a toy for his own son. There are, perhaps, too many repetitions of a similar setup (over and over, Howard comes

within inches of a Turbo Man, only to have it yanked away). But all these gags are so broadly played and briskly edited, we hardly have time to tire of them.

Besides, most of the audience is

likely to sense that the biggest joke is yet to come. Why else would Schwarzenegger star in this movie? From his first appearance on the screen - with his boxy jaw, perfect pectorals and batteries-not-included line delivery - we ask our-

selves: why does a kid with a lifesized action figure for a dad need a Turbo Man doll? The question moves from playful speculation to literal plot twist as the film goes on and, by the end, Jingle all the Way has evolved from a cynical tale of consumerism run amuck to a bittersweet fable about why little boys sometimes trust superheroes more than their fathers. Art it ain't, but it's sure to give you the holiday sniffles.

ICHAEL Jackson's baby is going to be Jewish. The child, a boy to be named Michael Jackson Jr., is due in

Michael Jackson's

Jewish baby

February. Jackson married the child's mother, his long-time friend Debbie Rowe, in a hush-

hush ceremony last month at an Australian hotel. Rowe was converted to Judaism as a young child after being adopted by a Jewish family, according to the British Jewish magazine Shalom. MTV News reported that the boy will be brought up "Jew-ish."
Jackson's former wife, Lisa

Marie Presley, whom he divorced in January after 20 months of marriage, is also believed to be of partial Jewish descent. Her father Elvis is thought to have had a Jewish grandparent

The news will come as an even greater surprise to some in light of the controversy surrounding lyrics

on his latest album, HIStory, which many said were antisemitic. The song "They Don't Care About Us," included the line "Jew me, sue me, kick me, kike me, don't you black and white me."

Jackson, 38, met Rowe, 37, about 15 years ago at the plastic surgeon's office where she worked; they have remained friends ever since. Reports that Rowe was artificially inseminated and paid \$500,000 to carry the child have been denied by Jackson's agent.

Over the years, the superstar who, according to a poll by People magazine is the most famous man on earth, has earned the nickname "Wacko Jacko," for his numerous eccentricities. Among these, he bathes in Evian water, has sailed a 12-meter-tall statue of himself down the Thames in London and has tried to buy the Elephant

Yiddish voices from Cracow

HELEN KAYE

N 1992, 50 years after the Nazis shot Mordechai Gebirtig in the Cracow Ghetto, Bente Kahan performed her newest one-woman show, Farewell Cracow, in his memory, at the Semina Cinema in Warsaw - one of the few remaining structures of the Warsaw Ghetto.

"I realized what a theatrical writer he was," says Kahan, who first performed a Gebirtig song in 1983, "telling the story of his life and his surroundings through his poems." The song she sang was "Our Shtetl is on Fire," written after a pogrom in 1938, and which became an anthem for the Jews in the ghettos who fought back.

Gebirtig was a carpenter who played the piano with one finger enough to write music for the poems he wrote about life in Kasimierz, the Jewish quarter of Cracow. His poems reflect that life, all of it, the joys and the sorrows.

Farewell Cracow is built around those poems and songs. Kahan will perform it twice, in both Yiddish and in English, at the Haifa Auditorium on December 30, and Theresienstadt, at the Inbal Center returning to live and work in Oslo. in Tel Aviv and at the opening of the International Yiddish Festival at Neveh Ilan. She'll do the Theresienstadt show in German at the Haifa Auditorium.

Voices from Theresienstadt happened "when a survivor of the camp who lived in Denmark gave me some of the songs they made up to sing at the cabaret in the camp, and things sort of accelerated from there. Because I felt that I couldn't just sing the songs as though Theresienstadt was the jolliest place on earth, I had to put them

into context." So Kahan interviewed survivors. and in the play-with-music she wrote with a colleague, Kahan plays five women, each of whom tells her own story.

As well as the repertoire she'll perform here, Kahan has written and performed four more monodramas, including one on the great blues singer Bessie Smith, called Bessie, A Bluesical, which she performs within the framework of Dybbuk, the theater company she formed in 1990.

"I'm primarily an actress," she says over the phone from her Oslo



Bente Kahan: Transcending nostalgia

home, "and I work through text. The songs complement that.

Her father, Herman Kahan, a Holocaust survivor, settled in Oslo where he met his wife, Esther, and where their five children were born and grew up.

"There was never any doubt that she'd go into the theater," recounts Kahan's sister Yvonne, who lives in Tel Aviv. Kahan graduated in theater at Tel Aviv University, worked at Yad Vashem on January 1. She the abriefly on the local regertory stage, also sing a concert of Yiddish songs and then went to New York where and some numbers in English from she studied at the American! her newest show, Voices from Academy of Dramatic Art before

She worked on the fringe, and played Ibsen at the National Theater. At the same time she started performing in Yiddish because "there are many people who can play Ibsen, but I have something

else to offer." Yiddish culture was a part of her childhood, but performing in Yiddish was more than invoking memories. She never managed to integrate into Israeli society, "and I was the most ardent Zionist of the family," she says wistfully, and so "I needed to look back into that cul-

ture to feel rooted again." But for Kahan, performing in Yiddish is the invocation of a vanished world and a buried culture, and "because that culture was so great and so rich, there's a responsibility in presenting it that tran-

scends nostalgia." There are only about 1,000 Jews in Norway, but Kahan performs for non-Jews as well, in Europe and soon in the UK and the US. She intends to enlarge Dybbuk too, "for educational outreach in Jewish and Yiddish culture. We gave so much to European culture, and it's important for non-Jews to know that.

NEWS OF THE MUSE

Aviram Reichart, 25, won first prize and a gold medal in the first Dong A International Music Competition in Secul, earlier this month. The prize comprised a \$50,000 cash award as well as confect and recording contracts. In the final round of the competition in which 48 pianists participated, Reichart played Profesion's Third Piano Concerto.

Gil Garburg and Asaf Feir, both 21, won the annual Rafi Gorelnik Piano Competition which took place in Jerusalem last: month, a competition Reichart has previously won...

Shine shines.
The US's National Board of Review of Motion Pictures has named the Australian low-budget, Shine best film of the year. Previously voted most popular film by festival audiences at the Toronto film festival, Shine tells the extraordinary true story of planist David Helfgott, and his relationship with his father, a Holocaust survivor Tom Cruise was named best actor for his work as a fallen sports

agent fighting for a comeback in *Jerry Maguire*, and Frances McDormand picked up honors as best actress for her role of the pregnant sheriff in the off-beat coinedy Fargo. The board, made up of teachers, actors, writers, movie

production workers and others, will present the awards February 24 ara gala dinner at Tavern on the Green in New York.

Just good friends

The cast of the hit TV comedy Friends have made a part to ensure that some of them ever become more than just good friends. David Schwimmer, who plays Ross, takt the New York Post; "We have made a verbal agreement that nothing is going to cross the. friendship boundary."

"Sure, we're tempted," said fellow cast member Matthew Perry (who has recently been linked with Julia Roberts), of the possibility of on-set romances. The times girls on our show are very good-looking - but we have a deal."

Tom. Gross

Fourth time lucky for Rand Pist. The Hollywood superstants to marry his girlfriend Gwyneth Paltrow, star of file movie version of Jane Austen's Emma (which will be reviewed by Adina Hoffman

Jane Austen's Emma (which will be reviewed by Adina Hoffman in Priday's Time Out supplicment).

Paltrow had turned down Rin's marriage proposals on three previous occasions, but this time Pitt, 32, reportedly scretiaded her on his guitar before giving her a diamond ring. The couple, who plan to marry in March, met two years ago when siming Several Point of Paracoli, the king of the tenors, has amounted his retirement. But the internationally acclaimed hahanopers singer, who achieved worldwide fame among non-opera agers as a result of his singing the theme tune for the 1990 soccer World Cup, won't be hanging up his tuxedo just yet Pavanota Kastoldoan; healian newspaper that he won't stop performing mini 2001. Italian newspaper that he won't stop performing miti 2001. "Obviously I can't quit now. I am up to my cars in?

appointments," says the living legend who grew up poor (his appointments, says are name began worked ma organization. So father was a baker and his mother worked ma organization. So father was a baker and his mother worked ma organization. So father was a baker and his mother worked ma organization. So father was a baker and his mother worked ma organization. So father worked ma organization. So father worked ma organization.

Room at the top

Education Ministry media advisor Ephraim Lapid is rumined to be Education Ministry menia arvisor repriam Lapid is tuenoged to be one of the chief contenders for the post of director general of ETV. Current incumbent Ahuva Feinmesser, who was appointed two years ago by then education minister Amnon Rubinstein flows not know whether her contract, which has extended, will be exhausted. Her approach might be too controversial for Education Minister. Zevulun Hammer. It was she who approved the michision in the line-up of a program in which young gays frankly discuss their sexual orientation. Although the program has been listed at least

twice, Hammer has thus far succeeded in keeping it off the air.
Two other candidates for the post are Yitzhaf, Even, who hosts a late-night interview show on Radio 2, and senior Vedior Aharonot correspondent Ron Ben-Ishai. Also in the running is Amnon Naday, who after more than a decade as head houcho at Israel . Radio may welcome the opportunity to explore another branch of the communications media. Green Fay Cashman

Youth orchestra returns

Youth orchestra returns

The International Youth Symphony Orchestra, which stunned local music lovers a few winters ago finder the batton of Lorin Mazzel, but impressed much less in later years, is returning this month for more work and concerts throughout the country. The young musicians are of course new and Mazzel's place will be taken by Aldo Ceccano and Roberto Montenegro.

The orchestra joins hands with the Israel Young Philharmonic in a special concert under Zobin Metra within the IPO's 60th similarity program, on December 25 in Jerusalem.

Michael Apenstada

Have flute, will travel

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

FOUNG Israeli flutist Sharon Bezzaly got an offer she could not refuse. Studying at the Paris Conservatory about a year ago, she was invited to come for one month to Salzburg, the city of Mozart, to replace an ailing flutist in the local Camerata Academiaorchestra. After one month, 85year-old maestro Sandor Vegh asked Bezzaly to remain with his orchestra which plays regularly at Salzburg's most prestigious Mozarteum, and tours all over the world.

Moving to Salzburg from Paris, after living her first 18 years in Tel Aviv, was quite a shock, Bezzaly admitted last week, speaking at her parents' home in Kfar Sava. "Salzburg is a very beautiful city but to a point," she said. "You can't stay there for too long because you get bored. And moreover it took time to get used to the fact that all stores close at six. So if I'm stuck in the evening without milk I simply can't have my cof-

Bezzaly, 24, used to believe that she could maintain a professional career from Israel. "I really believed that the world is so small and everything can be done



Sharon Bezzaly: Salzburg can get boring.

from here. But I was wrong. Salzburg after all is not that close. But I still come home as much as

She last played here four years ago with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, and now she is back for a series of concerts with the Israel Chamber Orchestra. Playing the 1949 Flute Concerto by Jolivet is a special thrill. "It's one of the most beautiful works written for the

flute. It's really not a modern piece, it's quite tonal and lyric and it also has very quick parts too. It's really an amazing work which is very accessible."

Sharon Bezzaly joins the ICO to play the Jolivet Flute Concerto as well as Devienne's Symphonie Concertante for two flutes and orchestra, tonight at the Tel Aviv Museum and tomorrow in Kfar

Viva Domingo!

Placido Domingo, Ruth Ann Swenson - Gounod: Romeo et Juliette. Munchner Rundfunkorchester, Leonard Slatkin. RCA (09026 68440 2).

Piacido Domingo - Bajo El Cielo Espanol. Agustin Lara, Maria Teresa Lara - Suite Espanola. Sony (SK 62625).

PANISH tenor Placido Domingo never seems to rest. In between very hectic performance schedules of opera productions and the Three Tenors concerts he spends many hours in the recording studios for either

solo albums or operas. Gounod's Romeo et Juliette is a charming opera with some haunting melodies. . Gounod centers around several grand duets

CLASSIC DISCS MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

between Romeo and Juliette, and Domingo sings these duets magically. But the 50-plus tenor does not sound young enough and there's no way he can hide it. It is great to hear Domingo sing this role but it would have been even better 10 or 12 years ago.

Domingo is perfectly matched with Ruth Ann Swenson, one of the greatest young sopranos of our time. She too is no ingenue, yet her glorious voice is suited to perfection to the role.

In this recording both Romeo and Juliette accept the inevitable death with amazing grace and passionate love.

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problem.

In recent years he devoted a lot of energy to light Spanish music and with great results. This time he sings music by the great Mexican composer Agustin Lara. The music is delightful and captivating and, most important, it is performed with sincerity, devotion, love and panache. Domingo clearly enjoys singing any good tune, whether written by Verdi or Wagner or by some street musician in a forgotten land. And for that we are the true beneficiaries because every new disc of Placido Domingo is a real cele-

David Copperfield's 'Dreams & Nightmares'

T'S all in a night's work. Escaping from a giant chain saw before it cuts him to pieces, walking Lthrough a spinning industrial fan with nary a slice or a dice, and flying, no strings attached, inside a Plexiglas box.

Magician David Copperfield is calling his New York theater debut "Dreams and Nightmares," as suggested by the show's creative adviser, film director Francis Ford Coppola. The production is ensconced through December 29

in the Martin Beck Theater, with 1,400 seats, one of the smaller venues the magician has played in over his more than two-decade career. The magician travels on the road for most of each year, giving some 500 performances. "I'm forced to come up with about 45 minutes of new material each year," he says. "I have developed 17 or 18 hours of performance material in my life. This may not sound

It can take Copperfield as long as a year to develop a new stunt. His flying illusion took seven years. Copperfield, like any magician worth his hocuspocus, is dressed entirely in black - but the look is

like a lot, but during their careers, some of the biggest

names in magic only had about an hour-and-a-half of

downtown rather than top hat and tails. Expensivelooking black leather jacket, black turtleneck sweater, black pants and shoes. They match his mane of black hair and bushy black eyebrows. Copperfield is something of a magic historian, col-

lecting magic memorabilia, some of which has been brought to the Martin Beck for display during his

engagement.
"Martin Beck was Houdini's manager," says the performer, reveling in the coincidence.

The show, one of Broadway's hottest tickets, has been adapted by playwright David Ives, author of the off-Broadway hit All in the Timing. "During my tours, I put things into the show in a

very raw form. I have people hate it for a while. That really motivates you to make it good quickly because you've got an audience out there." Copperfield says. "You are only as good as you dare to be bad." The magician has a group of friends he calls his

"naysayers." "Some of my colleagues have lost their careers because they have a lot of 'yes' people around them. I have people whose job it is to hate everything that I do. I would rather have them tell me, while I am out touring and before I get here or go on TV."



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Netanyahu's political overdraft

RIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and further into the red in its political capital began his term of office six months ago after having defied the opinion polls, the press, and international onlookers to become the first directly elected prime minister in Israel's history. He took office under a cloud of suspicion that he would abandon the Oslo Accords. leading to a collapse of the peace process.

The new government was immediately presented with the first litmus test of its commitment to the peace process in general, and the Oslo Accords in particular - meeting Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and redeploying in Hebron. Within three months, Netanyahu met with Arafat, despite campaign statements that he would only do so if the Palestinians were in full compliance with

In an ironic twist of events, Netanyahu now seems more inclined to meet Arafat and redeploy in Hebron than Arafat is prepared to. accept what initially would have been viewed as significant Israeli concessions. And this is after Palestinian policemen opened fire on IDF soldiers in September - a watershed that former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin predicted would be the end of Oslo if it ever happened.

During the election campaign, Netanyahu could not bring himself to even speak of the Oslo Accords by name - preferring instead to commit that Israel would adhere to "international agreements." Today the Netanyahu government constantly reiterates its commitment to fulfilling Oslo, and has enmeshed itself in the Oslo process to a degree that few would have predicted before the election. Yet Netanyahu is no closer to convincing many Israelis and the rest of the world that he is committed to achieving peace than he was on election day.

This seemingly paradoxical situation can be explained simply by the fact that every action the government takes toward Oslo passes without comment, while every action that seems to contradict Oslo meets with a maelstrom of

It does not matter that the opening of the Palestinian state that Labor favors. Western Wall Tunnel exit in September, or the Palestinian threats of violence, refusal to extradite terror suspects, and the PA's failure to confiscate illegal weapons.

What matters is that the Netanyahu government has failed to create the political capital necessary to shape the peace process in its own image. In fact, the government is sinking further politics, it can be done.

SELECTIVE CHOICE

Sir. - It is embarrassing to catch out the former Chief

Rabbi of Great Britain and the

Commonwealth in a sleight-of-

hand manipulation of Jewish

sources whereby he selectively

chooses his prayers. In his November 29 article, he

writes, "in Jewish thought, we

pray not to destroy our ene-

mies but to confound their

Jakobovits was thinking of the

concluding element of the

Amida prayer, said thrice daily.

which contains the phrase: "disrupt their design" in refer-

ence to those hostile to

However, even if we disre-

gard a verse in the next prayer

said on fast days and the Ten

Days of Repentance, the Avinu

Malkenu, which reads: "avenge

before our eyes the spilled

blood of your servants," one

cannot ignore that the same phrase of "confounded coun-

sel" is contained also in the Al

Hanissim prayer said on

Purim. There, one is left with

no doubt as to what "con-

Referring to the punishment

meted out to Haman, the prayer

reads: "He [God] caused his

[Haman's] design to be con-

founded and returned to his

own head and they hanged him

and his sons on the gallows."

In addition, on Pessah, during

the Seder, we stand, open the

door and read out: "Pour out

Thy wrath on the nations that

know Thee not." Every morn-

ing, we repeat the verse of

Psalm, saying: "the devout will

wreak vengeance with a dou-

While there is enough evi-

dence that Judaism is not a

bloodthirsty religion, neverthe-

ble-edged sword."

found" means.

Undoubtedly,

Judaism.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HAREDI WOMEN

Sir, - In the course of her interest-

ing article of December 2, Amy Klein writes: "There is no shelter

for battered haredi women where

this mother of 12 could have gone."

specifically haredi shelter, your read-

ers will be interested to learn that

there is nevertheless somewhere that

battered haredi women can and,

indeed, do go; that is to WIZO's shel-

ters for battered women where spe-

cial arrangements are made to enable

them to follow their own Orthodox

way of life. These arrangements are

fully approved in their circles and

even haredi rabbis have on more than

one occasion themselves referred

Further details can be obtained by

calling WIZO's Hotlines for Battered Women: 03-5461133; 02-6514111; 08-8550506; 07-6376310.

BAR CRITICISM

American-oriented eyes when I read

your recent report of the scathing

attack on Mr. Hoter-Yishai, the

Israel Bar Association chairman. It

seemed as if public officials from

the president and the prime minister

on down were competing to see

who could make the most savage

If I can judge from your reporters,

it seems that the chairman did what

would be considered "old hat" in

the US. At times, bar officials

defend the courts from what is per-

ceived as unfair criticism, but on

many occasions, bar officials have

made attacks on the courts much

like those of Mr. Hoter-Yishai. It

has not been unheard of for bar offi-

cials to claim that some courts fol-

low their own agenda rather than

the law, that they do not defer to

their legislative betters in making

policy and that they do not spend

In America, such remarks by a bar

official would not even make page 12. PROFESSOR JUSTIN SWEET

Jerusalem (Berkeley).

enough time judging.

attack on Mr. Hoter-Yishai.

Sir, - I could not believe my

RUTH AHIEZER,

Publicity and Information

Chairman,

WIZO

Department,

women to WIZO.

Tel Aviv.

While it is true that there is no

Political capital, like money in the bank, must be earned before it is spent. The government began half a year ago with nothing in its account, or perhaps a slight deficit. Rather than beginning with a honeymoon period that new governments are often granted, the Netanyahu coalition was immediately put on probation - it was assumed to be against peace unless proven otherwise.

Since then, the relatively swift embrace of Oslo has not earned Netanyahu political capital, because it was perceived to have been done under duress. At the same time, the government took or contemplated taking controversial actions which have further sapped an already mpty account.

The problem is not the basic direction the government has chosen, but that it has not created the necessary political capital to carry out its policies. Popular actions create such assets; controversial actions spend them. Netanyahu is right to say that he would be very popular internationally if he simply gave in to every Palestinian demand, and he is right to eschew such popularity. But the flip side is also true - a government cannot only take controversial actions without balancing them with actions that gain political support.

Now is the time for Netanyahu to take the step the government has been hinting at for months, but has not moved on decisively: the creation of a unity policy toward a permanent status agreement with the Palestinians.

Likud faction leader MK Michael Eitan and would-be Labor leader MK Yossi Beilin have been holding quiet discussions to see if there is common ground between Labor and Likud visions of a permanent status agreement with the Palestinians. Eitan characterized Labor's permanent status vision as a "state-minus." while the Likud's vision is "autonomy-plus." Netanyahu himself has pointed out that there is very little difference between the enhanced autonomy that he envisions and the constricted

Labor leader Shimon Peres has said that what possible expansion of settlements, are not viola- is important is not a unity government, but a tions of the Oslo Accords - as opposed to unity policy. He said that if there were such a policy he could support it as well from outside the government as within it. Netanyahu must accept Peres's challenge and hammer out a unity policy. Such a move would involve compromises by both sides, but if both sides care about the national interest more than pride and

THE STONE OF

SCONE

Sir, - On December 1, The

Jerusalem Post published an AP

report about the return of the

Stone of Scone to Scotland, seven

centuries after it was captured by

Edward I in 1296 and taken to

Westminster Abbey in London,

where it has served as the corona-

tion seat of English kings.

Previously it had been used as the

coronation seat of the Scottish

It was also reported that this

stone is supposed to originate in

the Holy Land and that our patri-

arch Jacob rested his head on it

when he had his dream of a ladder

The stone should be examined

by geologists to determine if it did

indeed originate from our area. If

it did, then the State of Israel is its

rightful owner and it should be

The Knesset would be the

stone's logical home and it should

be placed under the parliamentary

seat of the prime ministers of

POOR PUBLIC

RELATIONS

Sir, - During the last few

decades, Arafat and his henchmen

have been and still are winning the

PR war. Israel has always been

pathetic in the conduct of its pub-

The prime minister, when in

opposition, was superb in address-

ing the international audience.

Today, he is a shadow of his for-

mer self, both in appearance and

speech. Perhaps the task is too dif-

I would respectfully suggest that

he and the Likud government stop

pussy-footing around and get on

and do the job they were elected

for. Furthermore, the prime minis-

ter should be seriously advised to

cease shlepping his wife with him

when he is carrying out his public

Tel Aviv (Hove, England).

LESLIE M. RAYNER

reaching to Heaven.

returned to us.

Netanya.

lic relations.

ficult for him.

About bygones

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

THIS week Germany and the Czech Republic will be initialing a declaration of reconciliation formally terminating the longstanding disagreement between them.

OPINION

Reports say the declaration will include mutual expressions of regret over both the Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia that followed the Munich Agreement in

Netanyahu needs not a science adviser but someone to stop him drawing foolish historical parallels

1938 and the brutality with which three million Germans were expelled from the Sudetenland by the Czechs after World War II. It will have purely symbolic value, since the damage the Germans did during the war cannot be undone, and the Czechs have no intention of letting the Germans back into their

The declaration's significance for Israel lies in the fact that one of the many inappropriate historical analogies Prime Minister Netanyahu keeps making is the one between the Sudeten Germans and the Palestinians.

Back in the 1988 election campaign, during a debate with Labor's Ephraim Such (who wasn't a candidate), Netanyahu cited the Sudeten Germans in Czechoslovakia as an example of a large minority enjoying autonomous rights - the kind of rights he was willing to offer the

I pointed out at the time that Netanyahu didn't seem to know his history, since the Germans were not satisfied with autonomy but wanted to become part of the German Reich. They ended up being transferred to Germany.

The Sudeten Germans are thus an example of successful forced transfer, not autonomy.

In an interview with Ha' aretz last month Netanyahu again brought up the case of the Sudeten Germans.

"No historical analogy is perfect," he replied to a question. "But the attempt to portray us as heartless conquerors in a foreign country reminds us of the propaganda the Germans directed against the Czechs in an attempt to make them withdraw from the Sudetenland."

Once again the analogy is unfortunate. Netanyahu might feel that Israel today finds itself in the situation of Czechoslovakia on the eve of World War II, but that isn't the way the rest of the world sees it.

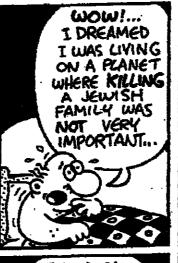
MOST people who know their history would argue that Israel's position vis-a-vis the territories since 1967 is analogous to Germany's vis-a-vis the Sudetenland in the years 1938-45.

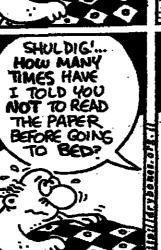
Germany claimed that the Sudetenland had been German soil from time immemorial and was thus rightfully part of the German Reich; Israel claims that Judea and Samaria have belonged to the Jewish people since time immemorial and therefore constitute part of

The difference is that the Germans were the majority in the Sudetenland, whereas the Jews, despite close to 30 years of occupation and colonization efforts, constitute less than 10 percent of the population of Judea and Samaria.

What Netanyahu seems in need of today is not a science adviser who can come up with genetic proof that some of the inhabitants in the Jebalya refugee camp originally came from Syria (as his new scientific adviser Prof. Yisrael Hanokuglo did) but someone who can brief him on world history and comparative systems

Dry Bones





YOU KNOW IT GIVES YOU NIGHTIMARES!

BUT BUILDING HOMES AND SCHOOLS FOR

THEM WAS A

THREAT TO

INTERNATIONAL

PEACE!

Such an adviser might stop our prime minister making a fool of imself and insulting a variety of innocent peoples (Puerto Ricans, Andorrans and Czechs) around the world, as well as confusing the Palestinians as to what he intends regarding their futures.

Going by the kind of analogies Netanyahu employs he intends either to bestow Israeli citizenship on the Palestinians (as the US did with the Puerto Ricans); reduce their numbers and territory to make them fit the Andorran model (Andorra's territory is approximately 190 square miles and its population close to 40,000) or simply transfer them, as the Czechs did with the Sudeten Germans in 1945. I really don't believe he intends any of these courses.

One hopes that several years from now Israeli-Palestinian relations will be such as to allow the two peoples to sign a declaration of reconciliation much like the one Germany and the Czech Republic

will be signing this week. Its significance would lie in the formal recognition that the two parties are letting bygones be bygones, putting behind them futile wrangling over historical rights and wrongs that can only lead to more wrongs being committed in future.

The writer is a political scientist.

Ms. Buzaglo & Ms. Bernstein

VERY now and again there is a small public squeak about ethnic discrimination in Israeli schools.

held for the 20 percent of Frankenstein, who posited the just wasn't worth seriously invest-Ashkenazi pupils left in the school.

The Ministry spokesman deemed this segregation impermissible and its directorgeneral, Benzion Dell, declared that he would exert all his influence to bring about "good will" among the pupils. The directors of the school merely noted that ministerial "pedagogic" decisions are not binding upon them since they are part of the Independent (i.e. Agudat Yisrael) Education network.

The issue here is not really the quite nasty racism inside Ashkenazi haredi circles. Nor is it that the haredi school system, while cheerfully accepting funding from the Ministry of Education, can also tell the ministry to go to hell and get away with it.

The real issue is the educational discrimination suffered by children from poor, usually non-Western, backgrounds. It is not that parents called

Buzaglo are so desperate to have their daughters sitting in close proximity to little girls called Bernstein. It's just that the Buzaglos are aware that the Bernsteins are getting a much better educational deal. Quite simply, less than a quarter

of Mizrahi teenagers in Israel go on to university, as compared to twothirds of pupils from Western back-

This could just be because lots of people called Buzaglo are not very bright, as has been implied over the years in numerous programs for SUSAN BELLOS

Last week it was Mizzahi (work-pupils designated "culturally dis-ing class Israelis of non-Westein advantaged," culturally deprived The bigger origin) parents of pupils in a reli- etc. These programs were based, may be the n gious girls school in Bnei Brak and sometimes still are, on the which is ho

The bigger budget obscured what may be the real story of the '90s, which is how the Ministry of complaining about separate classes work of the late Prof. Carl Education quietly decided that it

> The real education story of the '90s: how the ministry decided that almost half the

> population wasn't worth serious investment

ently from their Ashkenazi peers. It might also just be because almost all the secondary, comprehensive schools in low-income

Mizzahi neighborhoods offer moștly non-academic tracks. Studies there rarely lead to a full matriculation certificate (bagrut), without which you cannot begin university studies in Israel. This is all rather puzzling because

lots and lots of money has been spent on education over the past five years. In 1995 for example, the Ministry of Education budget was 14.2b., about 50 percent larger than in 1990. However, as noted by the Adva Center policy analysis institute, the budget increase was not accompanied by a general narrowing of inequality. In fact, the budgets of many programs meant for schools in disadvantaged neighbor-

hoods, development towns and Arab localities have eroded." All the extra millions were in fact funnelled toward absorbing mostly Ashkenazi former Soviet new immigrant pupils and finally pay-

ing the long-delayed rises in teach-

victors in a defensive war are wide-

ly expected to appease and reward

the losers, those who were the

No wonder, then, that the region

has given birth to a concept which,

with a nod to laundry detergents and toothpaste ads, I would call

aggressors in the first place.

interesting notion that non-Western long in 50 percent of the population's education.

According to the Adva Center, "Budgets meant to boost the achievements of schools in disadvantaged neighborhoods, development towns and Arab localities, such as 'remedial hours' and operations of the Education and Welfare Services division, actually decreased in real terms in the first half of the 1990s."

ONE MAIN reason why there is little more than a muffled squeak from the public about this kind of discrimination is, apart from the natural disinchination of journalists and politicians to actually read long budget reports, that in this kind of deal all interested parties except the public - get a payoff.

The independent Agudat Yisrael, Habad and Shas school networks have been growing considerably over the past five years. At the same time the Islamic Movement in Arab areas has been vastly expanding its education and wel-

In fact, a tacit political alliance has been forged between the min-

Angeles Times stated quite seriously

that Jordan's King Hussein had tried to restrain himself from criticizing

the new Israeli government but

could restrain himself no longer. He

had to speak out in defense of the

Palestinians; to voice his outrage at

not being consulted over the tunnel

istry and these networks, especially Shas, retarding the schooling of the country's poorest people.

So everybody's happy. Shas, Habad, Agudat Yisrael and the Islamic intovestion get to increase their constituencies. The government of the constituencies. ernment is happy because it will not be obliged to lay out serious money on new school buildings, modern and cultural enrichment programs.

For fundamentalist education comes nice and cheap. Large classes are stuffed into overcrowded and usually rented buildings that were never designed to be schools, and they are taught by underpaid non-union teachers.

That just leaves Ms. Buzaglo and Ms. Bernstein. The former, if she's lucky, will start working as a kindergarten helper or shop assistant, while the latter starts her BA in economics or business administration.

Ms. Buzaglo - who may have been attending a haredi school in Bnei Brak where, as a girl, she emerged hardly qualified to make much of a living - may feel cheated. But Ms. Bernstein, if she's got

any brains, ought to feel worried. The growth of a large fundamentalist underclass in this part of the world is going to be very damaging to those who hope to enjoy a pros-perous and stable economy - not to mention the rest of us who merely want to live in peace. The only person who didn't seem

too bothered last week by the proposed NIS 125m. cut in the education budget was ministry directorgeneral Benzion Dell. "It won't really cause harm," he

The writer is an education iournalist.

Plain peace is out, PeacePlus is in

SI FRUMKIN

Call me naive, old-fashioned. But I don't

go for 'new, improved' versions

BILL OAKFIELD equally true for former enemies.

Peace is supposed to be an ideal, an end in itself. Which is why Prime Minister Netanyahu hasu't become appropriately enthusiastic about the widely-accepted formula of "land for peace."

really means "land-plus-peace for peace." Peace, like war, cannot exist unilaterally. Israel couldn't remain at war with whoever it gave up land to. It would have to give peace in addition to land.

The Middle East has spawned many weird concepts that are now universally accepted. Is there, for example, any other territory on the planet so consistently described as "occupied" as that of "the Israeli-

occupied," Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia aren't termed "Soviet-The Middle East also has the PeacePlus - a new improved verin Jerusalem, and to expresses his disappointment at the lack of peace benefits Jordan has gained.

This is the same King Hussein who occupied Jerusalem for 19 years and denied access to Jews; who killed thousands of Palestinians during Black September purges in 1970, who did not oppose Saddam Hussein during the Gulf war.

PeacePlus benefits from Israel and the Times, US pundits and the State department see nothing funny in it.
Why isn't peace enough? Isn't it

will die from Israeli bullets in future wars? That there will be contacts, negotiations, trade, exchanges - peace, just peace? Must it be PeacePlus? And if it must, surely it is axiomatic that it should work both ways? The PeacePlus doctrine is

spreading across the Middle East. After five years of fruitless negotiations following its three defeats in three wars of aggression Syria is still insisting on peace plus the Golan, plus who knows what else. Egypt, which got peace plus the Suez canal plus the Sinai desert, is now indicating that it isn't happy. We'd better face it: Peace, in, by

and of itself, is a dated concept, hardly worth mentioning. A goal, a shining ideal? Forget it.

As I said at the beginning, there's a word to describe those who want to be paid for love. I don't want to use it in a family newspaper. Nations don't fall in love. But they should desire pure peace. Call

The writer lives in Studio City,

enough that no Jordanian soldiers

expect to be paid for giving love, and it isn't complimenta ry. Substitute peace for love and it's

That's because land for peace

occupied West Bank"? Tibet is never called "Chinese-

only country that cannot have its chosen capital recognized as such;

much more than peace. It expected economic benefits, an influx of business, improved living standards, a flourishing economy and probably a partridge in a pear tree

and it is also the only area where A RECENT article in the Los

and some undedoves as well.

sion of simple, old-fashioned peace. A spate of media reports tell of Jordanian disappointment over the peace with Israel. It seems that, in concurrence with this novel concept of PeacePlus, Jordan expected

Now he feels entitled to

me naive. But I mean it - peace. without strings.

less, even in its post-biblical development, that of the rabbis of the Great Assembly and the post-Talmudic period, it never became the pacifist faith Lord Jakobovits might have us YISAEL MEDAD Shiloh.

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Sitting Pretty

Is This What Women Want?

By STEVEN A. HOLMES

WASHINGTON HREE years from the end of the millennium, and a more than a century after Ibsen's "A Doll's House" presaged women's modern emancipation. the question still vexes: How much power do women really wield?

This year, American women put on the most stunning display of political clout since they won suffrage 76 years ago. More women than ever registered and voted, and on the strength of their votes, President Clinton was re-elected. The growling voice of the angry white man was drowned out by the softer tone of the soccer mom, and issues like family leave and day care were forced into the political debate while abortion was forced out

And politics is just the start. Women are increasingly courted by designers of homes and makers of cars. The purveyors of popular culture, from books to movies to prime-time television shows and the Summer Olympics, are struggling to appeal to what they think are feminine tastes. Prime-time television is full of shows like "Roseanne," "Cybill," "Ellen" and "Suddenly Susan." Movies like "Waiting to Exhale" and "The First Wives" Club" are designed to draw in angry women.

Jokes about men behaving badly are rampant,

while snickering about premenstrual syndrome is all but verboten. Houses are now built with larger kitchens and bathrooms. And doctors are being taught bedside manner, because women asked for it. If this does not signal feminine power, then what does?

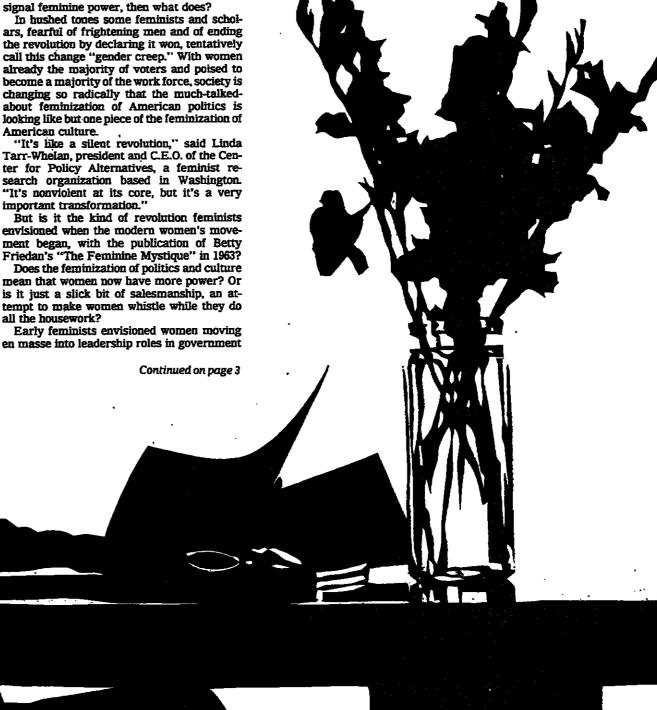
In hushed tones some feminists and scholars, fearful of frightening men and of ending the revolution by declaring it won, tentatively call this change "gender creep." With women already the majority of voters and poised to become a majority of the work force, society is changing so radically that the much-talkedabout feminization of American politics is looking like but one piece of the feminization of American culture.

"It's like a silent revolution," said Linda Tarr-Whelan, president and C.E.O. of the Center for Policy Alternatives, a feminist research organization based in Washington. "It's nonviolent at its core, but it's a very important transformation." But is it the kind of revolution feminists

ment began, with the publication of Betty Friedan's "The Feminine Mystique" in 1963? Does the feminization of politics and culture mean that women now have more power? Or is it just a slick bit of salesmanship, an attempt to make women whistle while they do all the housework?

Early feminists envisioned women moving en masse into leadership roles in government

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Broadcast News

In Spanish, It's Another Story

By LARRY ROHTER

NE Friday early this month, ABC, CBS and NBC all began their nightly newscasts with the same story: the testimony of Nicole Brown Simpson's mother at the latest O. J. Simpson trial.

Two other American networks, though, did not report that news until well after the first commercial break-Instead, they opened with a story that was less sensational but of more significance to their viewers: the Mexican Senate's approval of legislation that would allow Mexicans who become American citizens to have dual nationality.

The United States looks like a different country - less self-absorbed and selfcontained, and more a member of a community of nations - when it is seen through the Spanish-language television newscasts of Univisión and Telemundo, networks that are helping transform Spanish-speaking immigrants into an entity called "Hispanics."

At the same time, these networks, based here in Miami, play a role more intricate than that of their English-language counterparts. Not only do they. track and explain developments in the United States and Latin America to this country's potential 25 million Hispanic viewers, but they have also become one of the main prisms through which Latin Americans throughout the hemisphere view their own countries.

Another World

"Even though ABC calls its broadcast 'World News Tonight,' what I see when I look at any of the English-language networks is not the world," said Jorge Ramos, a Mexican who, along with María Elena Salinas, anchors "Noticiero Univision," the most influential and highest rated Spanish-language news program in the United States. "If you compare the kind of world that we cover in comparison to what they have in mind, you'll definitely see that our world is broader and more complex, with a very different perspec-



According to a 1994 study published by the University of Texas College of Communications, 45 percent of a typical Noticiero Univisión broadcast deals with events in Latin America, as compared with less than 2 percent of the main nightly newscast at ABC, which features more international news than either CBS

Even when Univision and Telemundo cover the same stories as the Big Three, they do so in a strikingly different manner. In general, stories on the two Spanish-language networks tend to be "longer, with more depth and more analysis than what you see on any of the English-

language networks," said Gonzalo Soruco, a professor of mass communication at the University of Miami who is currently working on a book to be titled "The Evolution of Spanish-Language Television in the United States."

More Bang for the Buck

In part, that is simply a function of economics: since the Univisión news budget is about three percent of any of the Big Three, there are fewer reporters to fill the same amount of air time, so longer stories guarantee more bang for the buck. But both networks are influenced

by Latin American traditions of journalism, which, Dr. Soruco pointed out, "prescribe more analysis" and a clear point of

At Univisión, at least, the nature of that mission is clear to reporters.

"We give a voice to those who have no voice in English and are absent from the major networks, newspapers and magazines," Mr. Ramos said. "We never forget

where we come from." In a separate interview, Ms. Salinas, who was born in California, put it this way: "We are the eyes and ears for

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Biazing Three Trails



Putting in a good word for the Indian reservation.

> By Anthony DePalma

Belarus Big Macs

One country that may not be ready for McDonald's.

By Steven Erlanger

Drunken Driving

No one's talking about it now. Just doing it. By Matthew L. Wald



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Ideas & Trends

Three Countries Face Their Indians

By ANTHONY DePALMA

ACK when it thought it knew best what Indians needed, the Canadian Government decided that a few hundred nomadic hunters who lived in canvas tents in Labrador would be better off in brand new wooden houses.

The Mushuau Innu were moved to new houses built for them in 1967. But in a short time, many of the interior walls were destroyed. The Indians had tried to rip them out because they knew that one big room was easier to heat than several small ones.

A huge cultural gap still separates Indians and the rest of society, not just in Canada but throughout North America. Some 12 million people — called "aboriginals" in Canada, "indigenous people" in Mexico and "Native Americans" in the United States - struggle to live their own lives inside structures built for them by outsiders who thought they knew best.

The three nations of North America were founded on Indian conquests, but in recent years they have dealt with the remnants of their native populations in widely different ways. Canada has tried to break a century of paternalism with billions of dollars in Government aid and huge socioeconomic studies. The United States, having long ago recognized Indians as separate nations, has largely treated them with neglect. And in Mexico, contempt for the Indian population by far the largest in North America helped spur a revolution.

But money and attention may not lead to better lives for Indians. The real key seems to be self-government. Several studies have proven that the more power a tribe or nation has to make its own decisions, the greater chance it has of thriving.

Did Reservations Help?

It is the Native Americans in the United States who have been able to achieve the greatest degrees of independence and economic achievement, in large part because the hated reservation system established in the last century provided things now recognized as essential for self-government.

Joseph P. Kalt, a Harvard professor who has studied reservation economics for a decade, said the large Western reservations gave some tribes "a land base over which sovereignty can be effectively organized."

Professor Kalt said other factors also promoted political organization. The Federal Government helped most tribes write their own constitutions, enabling them to establish and, in some cases, justice systems.

Then the Indian activism of the 1970's, marked by deadly showdowns at Wounded Knee and other sites, pushed the tribes away from both the Federal Government and the fledgling national Indian movement. Instead, they turned inward to tribal leadership. And where that leadership was strongest, economic development followed.

Deep pockets of poverty endure among the 300 or so reservations. But a study by Professor Kalt and Stephen Cornell of the University of California at San Diego found that, while still rare, there are successful Indian development projects, and they're not just bingo and casinos.

For example, the Choctaw of Philadelphia, Miss., have created jobs not only for most of their own people but for 1,000 non-Indians who enter the reservation to work in factories making plastic utensils for McDonald's restaurants, electrical wiring assemblies for automobile plants and greeting cards. The Salish and Kootenai tribes of the Flathead Reservation in Montana have achieved an unemployment rate below the rest of rural Montana by focusing on agriculture, tourism and recreation jobs.

"Successful tribes are marked by what we call the 'Nike strategy,'" Professor Kalt said. "They build their own institutions and their own bureaucracies, displace the Federal Government as primary decision maker on the reservations and then just do it them-

Some reservations in the United States sprawl across state lines and provide a base for independence that Indians in Mexico and Canada will find difficult to match.

Canada has 633 Indian reserves, most so small that any attempt to consider them sovereign nations falls flat. In Mexico, Indian communities often adhere to boundaries established before European contact and are usually small, isolated and desperately poor.

There remain sharp debates across North America about the right thing to do for Indians. While no government today would knowingly take Canada's paternalistic approach, there is a strong, though not always publicly expressed opinion, that the Indians themselves are to blame for their condition.

Conflicts over fishing, hunting, land claims and other grievances are constant in all three nations, and occasionally resentment by non-Indians burns through. "They are using up whatever good will there was," David Oimstead, a Liberal party member said in a recent speech before the provincial legislature of New Brunswick. Mr. Olmstead said he was fed up with Indians portraying themselves as victims of white domination. Other members of his party quickly distanced themselves, but Mr. Olmstead insisted that he had only expressed what many felt but were afraid to say.

Spirituality Still Sells

Public perceptions of Indians seem split. The gelled-lens vision of mystical Indian spirituality still sells well, and in all three countries far more people now want to identify themselves as Indians than are classified that way by their governments. But there is a question of how legitimate some of those claims are. For example, the number of people in New Jersey who identified themselves as Indian in the 1990 census had increased 78 percent from 1980.

And in Mexico City, heroic statues of Indians grace the main boulevards, but racist attitudes keep Indians from going to classy restaurants, even if they could somehow afford to eat in them.

Mexico is where the recent clash for Indian autonomy, mixed with complex political overtones, has been most bloody. Zapatistas of the poor, southernmost state of Chiapas launched a rebellion in the pre-dawn hours of Jan. 1, 1994, the same day that the North American Free Trade Agreement went into effect. Their initial attacks left nearly 200 dead, and they declared Nafta "a death sentence" for Mexico's 10 million Indians.

The Zapaustas, who gamet popular support throughout Mexico and focused attention on the mistreatment of Indians, have suspended peace talks with the Government until there is action on a constitutional guarantee of more self-government, including the traditional ways of electing officials (by a show of hands instead of a secret ballot).

Violence also ignited change in Canada. After a standoff between the Canadian Army and Mohawk Indians six years ago, Brian Mulroney, who was Prime Minister then, promised a full study of Canada's troubled relationship with its Indians and Eskimos.

The Remedy: Autonomy

When the report was finally released last month, it included 440 recommendations, foremost being recognition of Indian bands as the sovereign nations with which earlier Canadian governments had signed binding treaties. It noted that the appalling conditions on many Indian reserves were due to the lack of economic opportunities. It also found that the degree of political autonomy and endowment of land for Indians in Canada was far behind that in the United States.

After self-government, the most important goal of most Indians is control of their land. The Chiapas conflict was in great measure about land. In Canada, officials say there are 100 pending land claims covering great stretches of every province. The few settlements already made have brought sudden wealth to those Indian communities.

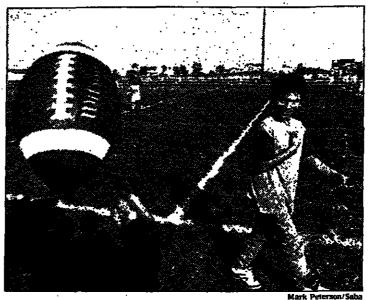
Zebedee Nungak is a leader of the Inuk of northern Quebec, who formed their own corporation to sign off on all business deals on the territory granted them as part of the James Bay Cree settlement in 1975. Mr. Nungak said the lnuk already owned three local airlines and planned to open four plants to process caribou meat.



Mixe Indians in Oaxaca, Mexico, hold a ceremony for the end of the harvest.



A Cree family in Whapmagoostui, Canada.



A football game at a Sioux reservation in South Dakota.

Native Americans, From Monterrey to Manitoba Data are for 1991 for Canada and 1990 for Mexico and the United States, except where noted. " A United States" " Indian population Total population **Population** 500,000 when Europeans 5 million when Europeans the same number when first arrived. first arrived, Europeans first arrived. Indians as percentage of total population Current Government \$9.7 billion a year from Federal About \$4.9 billion a year from \$120 million a year. Spending and provincial governments. the Federal Government. Life Expectancy Males only Unemployment Housing Percent of homes without Percent of homes without Percent of homes without piped water. complete plumbing facilities. Diped water Sources Census Bureau, Indian Health Service, Bureau of Indian Health Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs (U.S.), Royal Commission on Abenginal Peoples, Statistics Canada (Canada), National 9.4% Indigenous Institute (Mexico) : 🎎 📆 20.9%

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"Up to 75 percent of our food still comes from wildlife," Mr. Nungak said. But, he said, the Inuk drive trucks and fly planes: "We're not living in igloos or driving dog sledges any more."

That, many Indian leaders say, is the greatest challenge they face: honoring the

past but surviving in changing times.

One big change is already underway in Canada. In 1999, the vast Northwest Territories will be split in two, and the eastern half will become a new territory called Nunavut. Because most people living in the cold and inhospitable area are Inuit, or Eskimos, they

will have de facto control of the new territory, making Nunavut not a separate nation but the only major part of a North American government run by native people. This experiment, watched with great interest by Indians all over, may be the ultimate test of self-government.

Of Stocks and Speculation

When the Market Is Too Good to Be Good

By LOUIS UCHITELLE

N the American economy of the 1990's, good news so often turns sour. As employment rises, so do interest rates, to temper the high spirits and keep inflation in check. People buy like crazy and retail sales rise, but once again the response is a nervous concern that too much prosperity will unbalance the

Stock prices had escaped this adverse reaction, going up month after month, and carrying the middle class - with its huge investment in mutual funds - to new levels of wealth on paper. And then the booming stock market, too, became a liability to the economy.

Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, blew the whistle with his now-famous reference in a speech on Dec. 5 to "irrational exuberance." He did not claim that irrational exuberance had actually infected stock trading, driving up prices in pure speculation beyond their true value. He only asked, "How do we know when irrational exuberance has unduly escalated asset values, which then become subject to unexpected and prolonged contractions?" But in asking that question, he served notice that a rising market can endanger the economy, and the Fed's efforts to regulate it.

here and abroad, in response to Mr. Greenspan's remark. While the Dow Jones industrial average has fluctuated sharply since Dec. 5, stock prices have certainly not resumed the upward march that had made millions of investors so happy for so many months. Clearly, Mr. Greenspan reminded people that stocks can go down as well as up. "It was a question that went to the framework within which one should look at investing," Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said last

Mr. Greenspan's rhetorical reference to the stock market was rare for a Federal Reserve chairman. The last one came from William McChesney Martin in 1965. He compared the prosperity of the mid-1960's with that of the 1920's. He made no mention of the 1929 crash, but the immediate response to Mr. Martin's comment was a sharp drop in stock prices. His timing was good. While the Dow Jones average



Alan Greenspan.

soon recovered and rose to a new high, by mid-1966 the bull market was over and speculation ceased to be a danger.

That is not yet the case for Mr. Greenspan. The rising stock prices that seemed such strong evidence of a healthy corporate sector and a strong economy might instead be evidence that stock trading has entered into the realm of speculation.

With such a market as backdrop, the Fed becomes hamstrung as the nation's chief regulator of economic growth, and its actions can misfire. When the Fed's policy makers decide that economic growth is too strong, and potentially inflationary, they raise interest rates to discourage the borrowing that oils the economy. But shareholders frequently respond to higher interest rates by shifting out of stocks into Treasury bills and similar . securities that pay interest. If that shift takes place during a period of speculation on the stock market, the plunge in stock prices might be sharp,

inflicting its own damage on consumer confidence. "If there is a sell-off," said Henry Kaufman, an

economist, "then Mr. Greenspan is on record as having warned that this could be a problem."

On the other hand, the economy could weaken in the eyes of Fed policy makers, in which case their standard response is to lower interest rates to encourage borrowing and spending But the response on Wall Street to lower rates is to buy stocks, which in a speculative market might result in too much buying.

"If Alan Greenspan were to decide that he needs to raise interest rates, he could end up pricking the stock market bubble and causing a crash," said David Jones, chief economist of Aubrey G. Lanston, a Wall Street firm. "And if he were to lower rates, that could encourage even more speculation. I think his whole sense of timing is forward looking. He is worried that speculation might limit his policy options in the future."

Right now, Mr. Greenspan and his colleagues - the governors and presidents of the Fed's regional banks seem willing to leave interest rates alone. In the view of most Fed watchers, they will decide at their next meeting, on Tuesday, that the economy is neither too strong nor too weak. But that cannot last, and Mr. Greenspan, bracing for the future, has already served notice that rising stock prices are no longer good news.

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The Nation

A Fading Drumbeat Against Drunken Driving

By MATTHEW L. WALD

HE people who lead the national campaign WASHINGTON against drunken driving say that something frustrating and sad has happened to their 15year campaign: it has gotten old. The crusade helped cut the number of alcohol-related deaths by 40 percent, but the sermon seems to be wearing off, and the number of deaths is rising again.

There were 17,274 deaths on the roads last year related to alcohol, up from 16,580 in 1994, the first increase in the 1990's and by far the steepest increase since drunken driving became a national issue in the

Public attention flags, and alcohol-related traffic deaths start to rise.

early 1980's. There are other, less tangible signs, too. "It's harder and harder for us to get major media coverage," said Katherine Prescott, national president of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. She said grant money, once easy to get, has gone in the last few years to a succession of other worthy causes: rape victims, then child abuse victims and, most recently, victims of domestic violence. Membership in her group is steady. she said, with each crash death bringing new recruits,

but fund-raising is off. More subtly, the subject has slipped off the center of the conversational map. "The important thing is, are everyday people talking about it?" said Sandra J. Ball-Rokeach, a professor of communications and sociology at the Annenberg School of Communication at the University of Southern California. And right now, she continued, "it's not really at the center of interpersonal

Eternal vigilance, it seems, is the price of sobriety. And vigilance is not a strong point in the American character, or Jefferson wouldn't have made his observation about vigilance in the first place.

With drinking and driving, as with drugs and smoking, public health responds to a certain level of public hectoring, and then tends to suffer relapses when it stops. A long campaign, waged with news stories about individual tragedies, by broadcast and print public service ads, and even by writing designated drivers into the scripts of television shows, resulted not just in stricter laws and law enforcement but in changed public

Joking Around

"I can remember when it was just fine to leave a party half-smashed; that's not the case now." said Ms. Ball-Rokeach. But even some of that has slipped away; Ms. Ball-Rokeach said she recently heard someone at party, drink in hand, making a joke that probably wouldn't have been considered funny five years ago: the guest wanted to be a "designated drinker." But in the current climate, the joke is acceptable, she said.

The cause-and-effect relationship here is murky. Are there more deaths, and more complacency, because the assignment editors and the people who choose public service ads now are less interested? Or is the loss of enthusiasm in the media a sign of society's having moved on, and thus an effect rather than a cause?

Dr. C. Everett Koop, who was President Ronald Reagan's surgeon general, said that the loss of public attention is the root of bad behavior, and that no one is focusing public attention now.

"If there is not an authoritative voice that continues to hammer away at a single problem, it tends to be missed," he said. Dr. Koop hammered away at tobacco, and the smoking rate was at 26 percent when he left office in 1989, he said, as against 30 percent now. In between were surgeons general who did not make a public assault on tobacco their cause, he said.

Jay A. Winsten, director of the Center for Health Communication at the Harvard School of Public Health, sees "a direct relationship between media coverage and drunk driving fatalities."

"There were two periods of unusually high media attention to drunk driving; the first was in 1983 and 1984, and it was largely the work of groups like MADD," he said. "The second was in 1989, '90, '91 and '92, with a hefty representation of the designated driver.



At a vigil last week at the courthouse in Hackensack, N.J., a 30-foot scroll listed drunken driving victims.

During each high-media period, alcohol-related traffic fatalities, correcting for vehicle miles driven, fell twice as rapidly as during the intervening low-media periods.'

The death rate per 100 million miles traveled - a standard measure of traffic - fell rapidly in the early 1980's, from 1.58 in 1982 to 1.28 in 1985. After a slight increase, the rate resumed a firm downward path after safety advocates popularized the designated driver, in 1988, from 1.17 that year to 0.70 in 1994. Last year, it rose

The rate continued to fall even after Congress allowed the speed limit to rise to 65 miles an hour on rural interstates in 1987. The lifting of all Federal speed limits last year would not yet be reflected in the accident statistics, experts say.

Too Successful

A major engine of the public attention has been public service announcements. At the Advertising Council, which produces many of them, Ruth A. Wooden, the president, said that, in part, the campaign worked its way out of a job. "It's not at the top of the agenda now," she said of drunken driving, "but in a way that's related to its success; it's a problem solved, in a way, and let's go on to something else."

Except that it isn't really solved.

"If anybody would have told me 15 years ago that this many people, 17,000 people, would still be dying on the road, I would not have believed it," said Ms. Prescott of MADD, who said the driver who killed her son had had two convictions for drunken driving before that crash and two after. Now, she said, the problem may be down to a hard core of alcoholics who do not respond to public

But the mood in society does matter, other experts say. It affects the number of sobriety checkpoints the police erect, the odds that a judge or jury will send someone to jail or into a mandatory treatment program, and the likelihood that a bartender or host or fellow partygoer will take away someone's keys. None of these is easy to measure with statistics.

One more quantifiable trend is the passage of new laws: in the most recent legislative session, II states considered proposals to change the blood alcohol level that defines drunken driving from .10 to .08 percent; none approved the change.

There is no end to the campaign, said Dr. Winsten, like those against drugs and violence. "These problems are never going to go away," he said. "They need to be managed over time. When we turn our attention away from them, they're going to pop up.'

Selling America on Superstores

Bargains, Yes. But Not in Our Backyards.

By KIRK JOHNSON

■ HERE was something touching and sweetly small-townish about the stand taken by the New York City Council against the influx of more superstores in the nation's largest city. The Council's rejection of Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani's re-zoning plan last week reinforced what the Kmarts and Home Depots have recently discovered: New Yorkers aren't some weird breed apart. They are like everyone else.

New Yorkers are just as susceptible to buying in bulk as suburbanites. They are more than ready to load up on gallons of olive oil, five-pound jars of gourmet popcorn, half-priced toilet seats and children's clothing at one stop. And like people everywhere, they worry about what goes in their backyard. Just as wary and reluctant are the many, regular-size stores that sell the very same goods.

Megastores have met local opposition before. Sometimes they have even retreated in the face of public relations assaults about disappearing downtowns and endangered businesses that can find no place in the Mixmaster of national chain merchandising. The threat of a new Walmart can rouse small towns to fight back, sometimes suc-

The big stores, however, usually move in, and capitalism wins out in the end. Americans always buy more than what they planned to get, even if the result isn't really to their liking. In effect shoppers can have it



The first Kmart in New York City opened this year in Manhattan near Macy's.

both ways: They can be nostalgic about the good old days of small, neighborhood momand-pops (the worn wooden floors and the musty, penny-candied shelves) even as they do them in by loading up on all the bulk-pack toilet paper and mass quantities of cocktail weenies that mom-and-pops never sold, because customers never thought to ask for

In New York City, the love it-hate it megastore paradox is even more pronounced, because to much of the world, New York City means shopping. For all the talk about mall envy driving New Yorkers to shop in the suburbs, many of the new supersized retailers in New York City, like the Bed Bath & Beyond that anchors a revitalized lower Sixth Avenue strip with a Barnes

& Noble, say it's the other way around. A sizable part of their custome not on New Yorkers but on the tourists and suburbanites who flock to the city to shop as they always have.

In a very real way New York City, a manufacturing hub in the industrial revolution, invented super-scale shopping. Nineteenth-century mercantile palaces like A. T. Stewart's dry goods store helped usher in consumerism after the Civil War. In this century, R. H. Macy defined big and then marched out on a national road show, taking the city's retailing imprint to the mall.

The city also pioneered the concept of zoning laws. New York City zoning sounds fiercely specific about what shall be and what shall not be allowed. It is a reflection of the ever prickly local culture: the fiefs, politics and beleaguered citizenry. The city, however, needs the revenues, taxes and jobs that the superstores bring in, Mr. Giuliani argued, since it lost its fabled manufacturing base and jobs traveled not only to New Jersey but to South Dakota and Florida.

For the most part, however, the suburban superstores have avoided New York City not because of the zoning laws but because of business basics like high electricity and real estate costs, taxes, rents and what is known in the trade as high shrinkage, which is a polite way of saying that the city is seen to have more than its share of shoplifters, larcenous staff and organized crime lords. The big stores also stayed out of New York City because they could make more money in the suburbs. Now suburbia is saturated with stores and New York City looks com-

Megastores give people more of what they think they need.

paratively inviting, despite the costs, zoning and hassles. They have been using loopholes to get around zoning difficulties. Home Depot, for example, gained its foothold in the outer boroughs as a hardware store.

While Home Depot, Walmart and others were multiplying in the suburbs, they were also changing the face of retailing. The new breed of stores offers the shopper more to love and to fear. Today, computers help shape store inventories to local markets: instant databases show what products move, how to display them, when and at what price. It's like a mom-and-pop pumped up on steroids - big stores make it their business to know the customers, quirks and

If the New York City megastore debate is really about economic self-determination giving residents a say in what their neighborhoods should be - Council members might do well to recall how ineffective the current zoning pattern was as a vehicle for making the city a certain kind of place. It was enacted in the 1960's and 1970's based on the brash declaration that New York City was, and always should be, a manufacturing

Is This What Women Want?

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and business and men taking more time off from their jobs to share more of the workload at home. But men still dominate the top slots in the executive suites and in government. And working women still do 87 percent of the shopping, 81 percent of the cooking, 78 percent of the cleaning and 63 percent of the bill-paying, according to a 1993 study by the Family and Work Institute. And that's a burden that single mothers, whose ranks are growing, can only dream of.

The disparity between women's political, economic and demographic clout and their limited status raises beguiling questions about the definition of power. Which is the better yardstick to measure women's achievement: increased representation in positions of power or increased influence on the decisions of powerful people? Should feminism be considered a success if it has not managed to get as many women to the top as men, but has won more flex time, longer shopping hours, more concern for safety, more interest in education?

"In some ways it's the best of the feminist movement in keeping our eyes on the prize in terms of what I would call these quality-of-life issues, so that the issue is not just simply becoming the C.E.O., but how do we reframe the workplace so that it's better for all of us?" said Dr. Paula Rayman, executive director of the Radcliffe Public Policy Institute. "That to me is the feminist issue, not just how we can do it better than the guys in

their own terms." But other feminists suggest that political and business elites have simply figured out more creative ways to sell goods, services and candidates to women without fundamentally improving their lot. As women enter the labor force, do most of the housework, and remain the prime targets of advertisements, the female stereotype is changing from barefoot and pregnant to debt-ridden and tired.

'All Feminism Got Us Is More Work'

"That may be feeding some of the backlash against feminism among some women," said Heidi I. Hartman, executive director of the Institute for Women's Policy Studies, a Washington research group that just released a state-by-state report on American women. "People are saying that all feminism ever got us is more work."

There is little question, though, that the country has felt some big shifts over the last two and a half decades. Since 1970, women have grown to about half the country's labor force, and are less inclined to stop working when they have children. More female high school graduates. 63 percent, enter college, compared to 61 percent of male graduates. The number of women-owned businesses has increased by 43 percent from 1987 to 1992.

In addition to dramatic increases in the number of married women who work, there have been huge jumps in the number of women who live alone and in families headed by single mothers. All these trends mean that women are increasingly making political and economic decisions independently of men, rather than merely bending to the directives of husbands and fathers.

Because women are making more of the decisions, the producers of big-ticket goods and services are increasingly trying to appeal to them. Women, for example, now buy about half the new cars and about 25 percent of light trucks, including sport utility vehicles and minivans, according to J. D. Power and Associates. So, automakers are changing how they design and market cars. emphasizing safety and convenience, which women care more about, and playing down speed and power. In the 1970's when auto-makers, prodded by the Federal Government, tried to introduce air bags, the mainly male carbuying public rebelled. Today, air bags are a standard feature on all new cars and are promoted heavily in ads.

In the area of health — an industry that represents about one-seventh of the American economy - 75 percent of the purchasing decisions for families are made, by women or are significantly influenced by them. As a consequence, some large health providers like Kaiser Permanente have developed new programs to train and retrain their doctors in the art of communications, an area in which women feel physicians are lacking.

Women are changing television, too. They are now the target audience not only for daytime television but for prime-time television. "The primary, No. 1 audience segment in television is adult women under the 55 years of age," said David Poltrack, executive vice president of planning and research at CBS. And that is why there are so many shows tailored to them.

Women are even influencing sports programming, an area traditionally dominated by men. In its coverage of the Olympics in Atlanta, NBC unabashedly wooed women, reducing its coverage of boxing and larding the events with profiles and human interest stories. While some sports fans derided the coverage as the "soap opera Olympics," NBC's ratings were boosted by about 25 per cent over the 1992 and 1988 games, and it was largely due to women. Other networks took note. CBS, which lost a lot of its sports programming, is carrying professional figure skating competitions, and next year it will add professional women's basketball, professional gymnastics and world cup skiing, all popular with

"I don't want to exaggerate things," said Rob Correa, vice president of sports programming on CBS. "But a lot more girls are playing sports than there were 15 years ago. It's incredible. They may be tomorrow's weekend viewers."

The Big House

But whether it is women's consumption of television, cars or health care, the question remains the same. Is consumer power real power? Perhaps the one consumer item that best illustrates this conundrum is the American house. Officials in the home-building industry say that the average size of a home has grown from 1,500 square feet in the early 1970's to more than 2,100 square feet today. even though the average family size has decreased. Most of that increase is the result of larger kitchens, bathrooms and family rooms, features the building industry has found that women, more than men, are demanding

"When people buy the home they say 80 percent of the decisions are joint ones," said Gopal Ahluwalia. director of research for the National Home Builders Association. "But you can't sell a home unless it has a really good quality kitchen with upgraded appliances and plenty of space. So we think it is the female who has the

But it is also possible that houses are getting bigger to make women forget that they are still trapped in them.

WillFord

The World

A Country Burgers Can't Save

By STEVEN ERLANGER

Washington F McDonald's restaurants are a harbinger of Western institutions and democracy, Belarus has a lot of Big Macs yet to swallow.

The country's first McDonald's opened last week, in Minsk, the capital. But this watershed event produced a riot among 4,000 people who thought they'd get free

Then the police, as befits the constitutional dictatorship that Belarus has now become, waled away with their clubs.

In time, McDonald's may help to produce a peace-loving democracy in Belarus, but for now its experience only serves to point up the incoherent, even bizarre, politics of the lands that lie just beyond the Central European countries that NATO is trying to absorb. It tells a lot about why countries like Poland and the Czech Republic are so eager to join NATO, but also points up some of the dangers if they do.

Over the last few weeks, President Aleksandr Lukashenko has effectively seized power in Belarus, and aside from the magic of McDonald's, the United States doesn't have many effective levers with which to encourage him to back down.

A Dictator Rises

The unpredictable Mr. Lukashenko has carried out a rolling coup: manipulating a referendum to extend his term and powers; shutting down the parliament and recreating one limited to his supporters; pushing the resignation of members of the constitutional court and the chief prosecutor, and blocking the distribution of independent newspapers.

"Lukashenko has taken over the Government through condemocratic means," a senior American official said. "This is now a constitutional dictatorship in the heart of the new Europe, right on the borders of where NATO is going to expand, and there's not a lot we can do about it."

Belarus, while a tragedy, is not yet a crisis. But it is, writ small, an example of worrisome trends throughout the former Soviet Union, where presidential manipulation or distortion of short-lived democratic institutions are something of a norm.

In Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and even Armenia, there have been egregious examples of electoral manipulation or an overstepping of presidential powers in the name of efficiency and economic reform.

At the same time, Russia itself has grown more haughty toward its former colonies, with demands, backed up through pressure on energy supplies, for better economic, trade and military ties.

No one has loudly objected when Russia has turned imperiously toward the east and Central Asia. But the west - Ukraine, Belarus, the Baltic nations - is quite a different matter. These are the "borderlands" between Europe and Asia, between the powers of the East and West, and this makes them a source of nervousness for everyone. Mr. Lukashenko himself, a populist former collective farm boss, is considered highly unreli-

Paul A. Goble, a former intelligence analyst and now assistant director of Radio Free Europe, says that when NATO moves eastward to take in Poland, the Russians may say in response, "'We have to project power,' and Moscow is likely to do that through Belarus.'

A senior American official agreed, then asked: "And where does that put Ukraine? That's why Belarus is important."

Mr. Lukashenko, who is thought to have political ambitions in Russia, has called for the reunification of Minsk with Moscow, and has offered to station nuclear weapons in Belarus to counter any NATO deployments in new member countries — an option that NATO, for now, says is unnecessary. Ukraine, on the other hand, would only fear a greater Russian presence and pressure to its

The United States and its allies have condemned events in Belarus and the American Ambassador, Kenneth Yalowitz, has been called back to help think through what to do about the country, in talks scheduled for

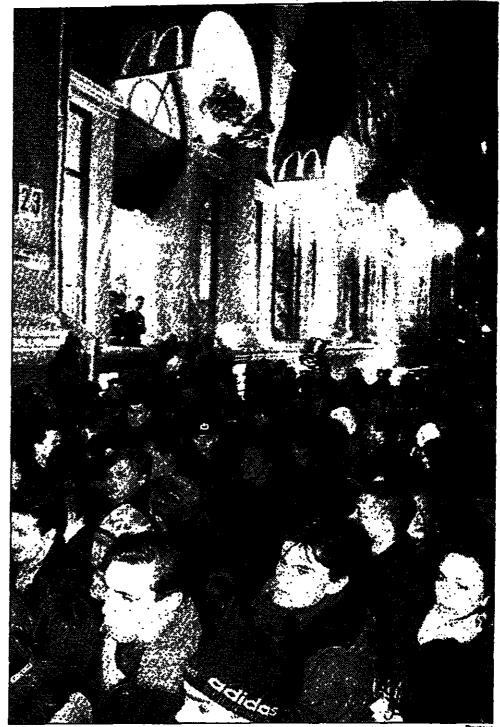
A Lack of Clout

But Washington has little to work with to overturn the swing to dictatorship. The United States is providing about \$225 million in aid to Ukraine, about \$100 million to Russia and \$95 million to Armenia, but Belarus gets only about \$5 million, nearly all of it going to nongovernmental institutions that are still trying to "build democracy" in a place where it is being snuffed out. And cutting off that aid would not cause Mr. Lukashenko any pain.

Washington has also offered and committed \$118 million over the last four years to pay for the removal of Belarus's nuclear warheads and missiles (now accomplished to great sighs of relief) and the destruction of launching pads, silos, garages and so on (crucial jobs still left to do).

But yearly certification, based in part on progress in human rights and democracy, is required for this money to be spent, and President Clinton can't waive this requirement, even on national-security grounds. Ironically, then, the Administration may be forced to withhold the money it wants to spend in Belarus without any prospect that withholding it will produce any change for

To further the dilemma, the one actor with leverage on Belarus is Russia. But therein lies a Catch-22. "We want to keep Russia engaged, but we don't want to reinforce the sense that Belarus belongs to the Russian sphere of influence," an official said ruefully. 'That could be very counterproductive.'



The opening of Belarus's first McDonald's drew thousands - and, later, a riot.

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Broadcast News

In Spanish, It's Another Story

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atinos in the United States, their liaison to their neighborhood and their country."

The Spanish-language networks have a very different sense of what is news. Early this year, for instance, all three English-language networks and CNN briefly broadcast footage from a Patrick J. Buchanan campaign rally in Arizona in which a young Hispanic voter challenged the Republican candidate's opposition to immigration and free trade. Univisión, however, followed up on the: initial controversy by tracking down the youth, 18-year-old Marciano Murillo, to his high school in Gila Bend.

There they quickly discovered he was the son of an "undocumented worker" from Mexico (the Spanishlanguage networks never use the term "illegal immigrant" unless they are quoting someone). The American-born teen-ager, who has worked in the fields with his parents since he was 9 years old, told the network, "I'm always going to detend my people."

Similarly, during the 1993 flap about child care that followed President Clinton's aborted nomination of Zoë Baird as Attorney General, it was the Spanish-language networks that made a point of seeking out Hispanic women who work as nannies and housekeepers and listening to their tales of abuse and exploitation. English-language coverage, by contrast, focused on the plight of the middle-class professional couples who typically employed those wom-

The differences go beyond editorial content. While CBS's much-ballyhooed experiment with Dan Rather and Connie Chung as joint anchors failed, both Spanish-language networks, representatives of a culture supposedly mired in machismo, have paired male and female anchors for nearly a decade with no apparent problems.

There are many stereotypes and prejudices and biases that we have been breaking down without anyone noticing," Mr. Ramos said.

What the Ads Say

Even commercials can be instructive in that regard, particularly those that demolish the myth that newlyarrived Hispanic immigrants do not want to learn English.

One of the largest types of advertisements on any Spanish-language television station, in fact, are the multitude of schools and home-study programs that teach English. These ads stress that the key to advancement in the United States is a command of the nation's dominant language.

In one typical ad, a husband sorrowfully informs his wife he has been passed over for a better job because his English just isn't good enough. But six months later, after taking the

Inglés sin Barreras (English Without Barriers) course, he is able to tell his family over dinner that he has won that coveted promotion to manager because he is now fully bilingual. "Gimme five," one of his children says to him, in English. "Way to go,

Seen in Latin America

Dad," another proudly proclaims.

Increasingly, Univisión and Telemundo are also helping form the image that the rest of the Western Hemisphere has of life in the United States. One or the other is available on virtually every cable system in Latin America. And in smaller, poorer countries, local television stations often simply tape stories from Univision or Telemundo's nightly newscasts for their own use, which gives these American networks a degree of credibility and visibility unusual in the region.

"With Univisión and Telemundo, I know that what I am seeing has not been subject to any form of censorship by the government or political

CBS talks to yuppie couples. Univisión interviews their Hispanic nannies.

parties, and isn't slanted to favor the interests of some local bigwig," Rafael Salazar Navarrete, an engineer who lives in Nicaragua, said recently. "I certainly can't say that about my local stations or those submissive Mexican channels that are also on my cable system."

Within the United States, that approach appears to have broad appeal both to recently arrived immigrants and more acculturated Hispanic-Americans.

When the Univision affiliate here, WLTV, surged past the CBS, NBC and Fox stations in news ratings, those astonished affiliates were quick to attribute the results to sampling error, apparently unable to imagine that Spanish-speaking viewers, who comprise a majority here, just might prefer substance to the usual Englishlanguage formula of happy talk and mayhem, and the routine mispronun-

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ciation of Hispanic names. "Though not perfect, Univisión and Telemundo provide a Latino perspective that no one else will," said Federico Subervi, an expert on Spanishlanguage media who teaches at the University of Texas. "Along with the Spanish language itself, they are the give of Latino identity across the

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ECONOMY

Will Ford Motor Co. Become the New Repo Man?

By ROBYN MEREDITH

DEARBORN, Mich. ENRY FORD famously insisted that buyers could have any color of car they wanted, as long as it was black. But he was just as reluctant to offer them credit. Only in 1923, two decades after he began selling cars, did he begin to experiment, cautiously, with financing

Ford customers could buy a \$265 Model T on layaway, paying \$5 a week for a year. Only then were they allowed to drive the shiny black car home. (Not until four years later did Mr. Ford give in to demands for more colors.)

Ford long ago overcame its founder's misgivings about making loans. With Americans now financing four-fifths of all new cars, the Ford Motor Company has earned more as a banker than as a car builder in five of the last six years. Its banking businesses had higher profits last year than all but two of the nation's commercial banks.

And while Ford's automotive divisions are struggling to hold up against stiff competition worldwide, a subsidiary, the Ford Motor Credit Company, has become the biggest auto financing company in the world. In the third quarter, Ford Credit earned \$299 million, compared with a paltry \$15 million for the company's worldwide automotive opera-

Now Ford Credit has an ambitious plan to extend its lending reach into an area that would have baffled Henry Ford: borrowers with proven records of not paying back their loans on time, a group collectively

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known as the subprime lending mar-

The lure is the \$100 billion that people with flawed credit ratings borrow each year to buy new and used cars, and the interest rates of 18 percent and higher that Ford will be able to charge on loans to its share of that market. That is the equivalent of paying for a car at credit-card rates.

Ford Credit's new business is risky on two counts. First, whether a company makes money depends on which loan applicants it decides to trust, and how far it trusts them before sending out the repo man to seize the collateral. Secondly, Ford's image could be damaged if the company is seen as profiting at the expense of the poor.

Consumer advocates already say Ford consumer lending unit, the Associates, charges unfairly steep interest rates and fees. That unit's target market is similar to that of the new subprime auto-finance operation, named Fairlane Credit after Henry Ford's gracious Fair Lane estate here.

"Ford Motor Credit doesn't want to be seen charging 40 percent interest rates or repossessing cars," said Jordan Hymowitz, an auto services analyst at Montgomery Securities in San Francisco. "It is a potential public relations problem if the rates get too egregious.'

But at a time when profits are down and default rates are up at Ford Credit, the cornerstone of Ford's financial businesses, its executives say they have studied the companies in the subprime lending market, are proceeding cautiously and are confident they can make good money.

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Ford is also planning to move slowly to build its new business. "We aren't going to make any big, bad boo-boos" with Fairlane, William E. Odom, the chairman of Ford Credit,

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But he said he expected Fairlane's returns to be more volatile than its parent's. Fairlane must be tough enough to compete with the dozens of 160 scrappy, small companies that dominate subprime auto lending. But Fairlane will be walking a tightrope, particularly on the repossessions that come after people stop making

'If we pull the trigger too quickly on a repo, the customer is going to be upset with us and with the Ford Motor Company," Jerry Heimlicher. president of Fairlane, said.

car payments.

Mr. Heimlicher said that Fairlane had not decided what interest rates it would charge, but that he expected them to be in a range of 18 to 22 percent, and perhaps higher. While other subprime lenders charge rates of 18 to 40 percent, where state laws permit, Mr. Heimlicher said Fairlane's rates "will never get into the range of 40 percent."

He added, "We are going to charge the fairest rates that we can charge, and still make a fair rate of profit." Fairlane is planning to hold the line on rates because it hopes to build loyalty to Ford vehicles. One reason Ford Credit chose the name Fairlane is that executives want cus-

tomers to think of it as "fair." Mr. Odom said consumer groups should not fear that Fairlane will treat poor customers unfairly. "It is not inconsistent to go into the nonprime business and run the business on the high road," he said.

When deciding whether to approve loan applications, lenders look at two factors: borrowers' income, and their record of repaying other loans. They often charge higher interest rates to people they consider less likely to pay them back.

Ford credit now lends primarily to the most creditworthy borrowers, what the industry rates as A or B credit risks, though it makes some loans to people with very poor credit. As Fairlane starts up, Ford Credit will begin referring the loan applicants it rejects to Fairlane, to see if they qualify under its underwriting standards for higher-interest loans.

Ford Credit assigns A ratings to people who earn enough to meet their bills without strain and have almost never paid a bill late, Mr. Odom said. Borrowers with B credit have occasionally missed payments ater paid up, and lack financial reserves to cover emergencies; people with C credit are highly indebted and often late with bills, but always pay up eventually.

Borrowers with D credit typically have declared bankruptcy and have had property repossessed. They end up paying lots of late charges because they never pay on time, "They try to juggle, but they drop the ball when they juggle," Mr. Odom said. "The C can juggle pretty well."

Fairlane will focus on the lower end of the scale. "Fairlane will pick up where Ford Credit leaves off." Mr. Heimlicher said. "We would be going into the C and D and what would be an E, if there were an E."

Customers will feel the difference when they apply for a loan. While Ford Credit uses sophisticated computer models to approve loans within an hour, Fairlane may take days to check the assertions made on loan applications.

The more thorough process is intended to sort out people who have bad credit but will repay their loans from those who are unlikely to make payments. Fairlane's customers are likely to have bad credit because of a one-time crisis like a layoff or a

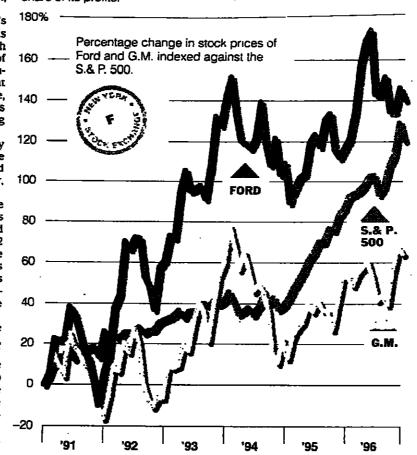
divorce, Mr. Heimlicher said. "Our main process is to determine the why - why did the customer have the difficulty," he said. "These are not bums - these are not always people who are going to have bad

Once Fairlane approves a loan, it plans to keep in close contact with anyone who misses a payment. Mr. Heimlicher calls it "coaching": When borrowers fall behind, the company will not simply mail overdue notices but will call the debtors, weigh whether there are legitimate reasons for the late payments, and then try to coax them into promising, for example, to pay when the next paycheck arrives.

While most subprime lenders fo-

An Auto Maker and a Banker

The giant auto maker is the world's second-biggest industrial company. But financial services represent a big share of its profits. FINANCIAL INDICATORS



personal loans.

fraud investigations.

Ford Motor "owns some finance

companies that target poor people

with less than healthy loans," said

Remar M. Sutton, president of the

Consumer Task Force for Automo-

tive Issues, a nonprofit group that

works with consumer groups and

state attorneys general on auto

The auto lending practices of Ford

Credit and its main rivals, the fi-

nance arms of the Chrysler and Gen-

eral Motors corporations, are al-

ready under Federal scrutiny. Last

year the Justice Department began

investigating whether the compa-

nies discriminated against minority

groups. "There is an investigation

and I can't make any comments

Fairlane Credit will be relying

heavily on the ethics of used-car

dealers - many of whom stand to

profit from the loans — to make sure

some dealerships have led to trouble

for people borrowing from other

auto finance companies. "It is the

people who don't have access to

credit who are most at the mercy of

these people: new- and used-car

dealers," said Richard N. Feferman.

a lawyer in Albuquerque, N.M., who

specializes in consumer fraud is-

Wall Street, of course, cares about

profits as well as lending practices.

And profits of the Associates have

been growing steadily. Like Ford

Credit, it has watched its bad loans

increase, to 2.16 percent of all loans

in the third quarter, but it is growing

so quickly that its profits have also

increased, to \$230 million in the third

quarter, up 17 percent from a year

over whether Ford Credit itself, af-

ter years as the crown jewel of the

world's second-largest industrial

company, could be facing difficul-

ties. The number of loans going bad

has nearly doubled, and in the third

quarter Ford Credit's usually stable

profits fell 16.2 percent from a year

run, Ford Credit will dust itself off

and continue to contribute mightily

to the parent's bottom line. "I have

no doubt about Ford Credit," Ms.

Keller said. "With some bumps in

But other analysts are more con-

cerned. "There is a big question

hanging over Ford Motor Credit

right now," said Jack V. Kirnan, an

analyst at Salomon Brothers, "It is

certainly disconcerting to see the

significant drop we saw in third-

Ford Credit's main competitors -

the finance subsidiaries of General

Motors and Chrysler - have been

going gangbusters. The Chrysler Fi-

nancial Corporation, which has \$16.7

quarter net income."

the road, they will still do just fine."

Most analysts say that in the long

earlier, to \$299 million.

Analysts, however, are divided

earlier.

its customers are treated fairly.

The unscrupulous practices

about it," Mr. Odom said.

cus on used cars, Fairlane plans to lend 20 percent of its money toward new cars, particularly to first-time buyers like students who have had trouble paying off credit cards or

college loans. Fairlane, based in Colorado Springs, is still hiring managers. Ford's goal is for it to begin making loans in Colorado and nearby states by the end of March. Expansion is planned for later.

Ford intends to tiptoe into the new lending market. "I'm not looking for a home run in 1997," Mr. Odom said. 'I'm looking for a solid organization at the turn of the century."

But executives at other subprime auto lenders say it isn't easy to make money. "Our job is to differentiate between bad things happening to good people, and just bad people," said Tommy A. Moore, chief executive of First Investors Financial Services Inc., a Houston-based company that writes subprime auto loans in 17 states. His company approves only one of every five applications.

Mr. Moore and other experts on subprime lending said that being choosy in approving loans was only part of the job. Even tougher, they said, is counseling people who are struggling to pay bills while still moving to repossess cars as soon as it is clear that a borrower will not be able to repay.

But subprime auto lending is a tough business. Since 1990, 24 autofinance companies have sold stock to the public, according to SNL Securities of Charlottesville, Va. Since their initial offerings, shares of 11 of the companies have dropped by 15 percent or more.

Unless Fairlane fails, it is likely to dwarf its competitors within a few years, if it follows the lead of another new Ford Credit subsidiary, Primus Automotive Financial Services.

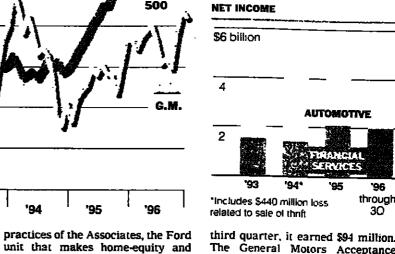
Ford Credit lends only to Ford customers and dealers, but Primus was set up to lend money at rival dealerships. Just six years old, Primus has \$11.5 billion in assets. Though it is a relatively small piece of Ford Credit's business, Primus, if freestanding, would be the nation's 12th-largest finance company.

Fairlane won't get that big in its first five years but "it will have some recognizable-sized profits in three, four or five years," Mr. Odom

Analysts say that to make money, Ford will have to show some ruthlessness in repossessing cars. "This is a business where you measure your ability to collect your collateral in days or hours," said Maryann N. Keller, an auto analyst at Furman Selz, a New York investment bank-

ing and brokerage firm. Otherwise, another creditor could seize the car, or the borrower could drive out of town with no forwarding address.

Yet the danger of ruthlessness is that it could attract the attention of consumer groups, some of which are already unhappy with the lending



third quarter, it earned \$94 million. The General Motors Acceptance Corporation, which has \$106.5 billion in assets, has set profit records for the last nine quarters, earning \$307 million in the third quarter.

Counting overseas operations. Ford Credit has assets of \$119 bil-

While Chrysler Financial and GMAC also make a small proportion of loans to car buyers with spotty credit, they have avoided getting into the business in a big way. "There is no free lunch," said James P. Holden, the Chrysler Corporation's executive vice president for sales and marketing. "Subprime paper is subprime for a reason."

Ford has decided to make the bet. While its banking businesses have not always been successful, no one is suggesting that Ford Credit will become a billion-dollar sinkhole like the First Nationwide Financial Corporation, a savings and loan institution that Ford sold in 1994 after nineyears of ownership.

pulletproof batance sheet allows it to borrow money at lower interest rates than many of its rivals can obtain, giving it more room to trim the rates it charges on car loans while staying profitable. Just last month, Standard & Poor's reaffirmed its A+ rating on Ford Credit's senior debt, the best debt rating by a wide margin among the auto financing arms of the Big Three auto makers.

The level of Ford Credit's profits is important because the unit is the mainstay of Ford's earnings. Last year, \$2.1 billion of Ford's \$4.1 billion in profit came from the banking side of the business, and Ford Credit earned \$1.4 billion of that. Most of the rest came from the Associates.

Ford Credit's earnings have been down mostly because of rising losses from unpaid loans. In addition to a \$58 million drop in third-quarter profits from a year earlier, profits in the second quarter fell \$9 million short of the previous year's level. First-quarter profits were just \$5 million ahead of last year's pace.

Other lenders have been stepping up their efforts to woo borrowers buying cars. Commercial banks have increasingly been willing to offer competitive rates on auto loans as a way to develop financial relationships with affluent borrowers, the customers the banks prefer.

"Those buyers are pretty wellheeled." Mr. Holden of Chrysler said. "They may need other finan-

cial services. Ford officials dismiss these worries, arguing that the banks' interest will be fleeting. Mr. Odom said profits had temporarily slipped because of fierce competition from commercial banks, as five years of economic growth have helped banks to rebuild their balance sheets and begin lending aggressively again. Ford Credit's profits had also dropped during billion in assets, has set quarterly previous economic booms, he said, earnings records this year. In the only to recover quickly.

Source: Goldman, Sachs & Co. Exchange rates as of Enday's London close. 2. 1996 The Financial Times Ltd., Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Standard & Poor's CURRENGLES Friday % Chg. Ago Friday Exchange rate 102.04 112.89 +0.93 113.95 Japanese yen to the U.S. dollar German marks to the U.S. dollar 1.5558 1.5463 +0.61 1.4430 1.3722 1.3600 +0.19 Canadian dollars to the U.S. dollar 1.6554 1.6466 +0 53 1.5373 U.S. dollars to the British pound Service: Expemberg Financial Markets, exchange rates as of Friday's New York close

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The TV Rating Wars

This year Congress warned the television industry to devise a voluntary rating system for shows, enabling parents to block them out, or risk having a system imposed from Washington. What started as a cooperative effort among the networks, parents' groups and others has collapsed into namecalling, however. The reason is that the ratings put forward by the industry are too vague to be of much help to television viewers. The industry needs to listen to the complaints and see if it can come up with something better.

The ratings that have drawn fire were produced by an advisory group headed by Jack Valenti, president of the Motion Picture Association of America. Mr. Valenti helped oversee the largely successful voluntary ratings system for movie theaters, but this time he has produced a system that is too simple for the more complicated menu of television programming. Mr. Valenti proposes four ratings: TV-G (for general audiences), TV-PG (parental guidance suggested), TV-14 (parents strongly cautioned) and TV-M (mature audiences only). But viewers are right to demand more explicit information about the amounts of nudity, sex, violence and profanity each program contains.

Many parents' groups have embraced the 10 categories adopted by Home Box Office, which describe adult content in more detail. Mr. Valenti argues, speciously, that with more complex ratings, countless permutations and combinations would arise, creating confusion for the viewer. He and his industry colleagues are exaggerating the hardship that would be imposed on networks by providing information beyond that contained in the four broad

categories they have proposed. The networks could easily devise a ratings system that is more descriptive than Mr. Valenti's and more streamlined than HBO's, and everyone knows it. What the television industry really fears is a ratings system that is so explicit about content that it drives away advertisers and turns off viewers. Television viewers know that the networks love a little ambiguity in their promotion. But most viewers have become accustomed to labeling in what they buy and are demanding to know what they are getting when they decide to let their children watch television. To ignore that political reality is to invite the kind of overly restrictive

legislation that Congress will be only too happy to

The concept of the V-chip, or electronic device blocking out shows with certain codes, won broad endorsement in the Presidential campaign this year, and new television sets will be required to contain the device in 1998. When put into practice, it will not be without problems. The television networks are not wrong, for example, to worry about what might happen if the system gets too elaborate, and groups start demanding labels for controversial political subjects like abortion. But the industry can certainly be more accommodating - and politically smarter - than it was last week, with Mr. Valenti insisting that anything other than the system he has proposed would be challenged in court. Mr. Valenti has been around Washington long enough to know that such stubbornness is an invitation to would-be

There is ample time to discuss a system that preserves sophisticated programming for adults and enables parents to manage their children's viewing. The Telecommunications Act passed by Congress last February says that if the industry has not devised voluntary guidelines, the Federal Communications Commission is authorized to appoint its own commission to come up with one. As President Clinton said Friday, it is far more desirable for the industry to devise the ratings system than to have one be overseen by the Government.

Victory for Wetlands

nation's diminishing wetlands has focused on the cess, allows owners to bypass the usual review and bigger and more obvious threats. Former Vice President Dan Quayle and, later, Representative Bud Shuster of Pennsylvania advanced various schemes that would have transferred millions of these valuable acres to developers and industry almost overnight. Their efforts failed. But all the while, under 10-year-old regulations, the Army Corps of Engineers has been transferring land to private interests in small enough chunks to escape radar detection by most environmentalists and conservation-minded politicians. This has contributed mightily to the steady erosion of the wetland inventory, which is declining at a rate of some 70,000

Now, thanks to legal threats from environmentalists and complaints from the White House and other Federal agencies, the corps has agreed to institute new and stricter procedures. This is the best news for the country's wetlands since the Senate refused to consider Mr. Shuster's destructive efforts to rewrite the Clean Water Act and, in the process, narrow vital wetland protections.

This is also a positive sign for the country's ecological health generally. The swamps, marshes and fens that make up the 100 million or so remaining acres of wetlands help filter pollutants, prevent floods, protect animal species and nourish tiny organisms essential to the food chain.

The culprit here has been a regulation known as Nationwide Permit 26. Normally, anyone who intends to disturb a wetland must obtain a permit from the corps, which oversees dredging and filling activities in waterways. But Permit 26, designed to

Over the last decade, the fight to save the simplify the corps' time-consuming permitting proobtain virtually instant approval for draining from . to 10 acres of wetlands.

Under the new rules, quick permitting under Permit 26 will apply only to parcels of three acres or less, beginning in January. After two years, the corps plans to scrap Permit 26 altogether and substitute new regulations. A faster timetable would be surely be preferable, but developers will feel the pinch of these new rules. Most of their money is made (and most of the environmental damage occurs) on parcels larger than three acres.

As a practical matter, the corps cannot exhaustively review every permit application. It therefore argues that it will still need some sort of system providing blanket approval to small projects. But the corps should not be left alone to devise the new system. Input is needed from the environmental community and agencies like the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Environmental Protection Agency. The aim here is to devise a system that combines maximum protection with rigorous enforcement.

For the moment, however, conservationists in and out of government can be pleased that the corps has begun to take their complaints seriously and that an incremental but insidious threat to what is left of the country's wetlands will soon begin to fade. Congress could conceivably overturn these new rules. But it would be unwise to try. Historically, the Corps of Engineers has not been famous for environmental stewardship. Its decision to change its ways is further evidence that those who believe in sound conservation practices have gained the upper

The Ghost of Christmas Depression

Next weekend's televised showing of "It's a Wonderful Life" marks the movie's 50th anniversary, and a revival of the debate over what makes the film so well-loved. Like "A Christmas Carol," it is the story about having a bad (but instructive) holiday dream, courtesy of otherworldly spirits. Jimmy Stewart plays a suicidal George Bailey, who is shown what his hometown of Bedford Falls would be like if he had never been born. Needless to say, even though George is just the owner of an about-tobe-bankrupt savings and loan, his life turns out to have been critical to the happiness of hundreds of other people.

The movie's payoff comes when the entire town arrives to bail George out of his financial crisis, and his war-hero brother skips a Medal of Honor ceremony at the White House to rush home and announce that George is the real Bailey hero. Fans who have seen the movie 10 or 20 times usually cite this affirmation-of-life finale, the tribute to every .person's unique importance.

But good Christmas movies carry dual messages. On one level they speak to the eternal human spirit. On another they address the inevitable holiday anxiety attack. The many films made of "A Christmas Carol" are about the need to keep charity in our hearts year round. But they also hold out a promise that if you maintain a reasonably cheerful demeanor, you will still be invited out when you get old. (Charles Dickens, who was both sentimental and hard-headed, clearly felt that one key to being a beloved senior citizen at Christmastime was bringing a lot of presents.)

Watching George's progress in "It's a Wonderful Life" assures us that the spouse or parent who behaves like a depressive Grinch in the afternoon, criticizing the housekeeping and yelling at little Zuzu, will probably get over his seasonal doldrums by tree-trimming time. The dreaded visit from a super-successful sibling might turn out better than you think. Everyone knows you're the real family

Lesser movies carry their message of comfort, too. "Holiday Inn" teaches that there is no point worrying about things going wrong at your Christmas party, like lack of snow or bank foreclosure. Things will work out, the guests will come, and Bing Crosby will perform in several lavish production numbers. "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" is perhaps a subtle commentary on what to do if the car doesn't start on Christmas Eve.

"It's a Wonderful Life," however, also has a unique appeal to our age. In the 1970's, the studio's copyright was accidentally allowed to lapse, and almost every television station in America used the movie as free holiday programming. It was shown so often that it became ingrained in the collective consciousness of several generations of television watchers. Millions of people know the references: signature song ("Buffalo Gal"), actress who played Mary Bailey (Donna Reed) and what happens when an angel wins his wings (a bell rings). The director, Frank Capra, would not want to know this, but "It's a Wonderful Life" has the same nostalgic pop-culture pull as "The Brady

Do Computers Retard Productivity's Growth?

Your Dec. 8 Week in Review article "What Has the Computer Done for Us Lately?" explores wity personal computers haven't sparked an expected productivity boom. It neglects one obvious answer, however: the expectation is itself unrealis-

The computer industry has conditioned us to very rapid technological change. That in itself may be one reason for slow productivity growth; business can't make much headway when it has to change products and procedures every few months. We should not forget, however, that individuals and organizations take to change much more slowly. It is only in the last five years or so that inexpensive personal computers have become powerful enough to really af-

fect productivity. That simply isn't a long enough time for businesses to figure out how to use those computers effectively, for software engineers to develop applications, or for workers to learn how to operate them. If really large enterprises like the L.R.S. and the air

traffic control system have been un- service exports to foreign countries. able to implement this new technology, how can we expect small and medium-sized businesses to be up and running already?

-To measure the impact of personal computers on productivity, you have to look at how and where they are used today. So far, a majority of businesses use them strictly for word processing. And, as anybody who has ever done any typing for a living can attest, the productivity gains in that field have been signifi-SHELDON LEEMON cant indeed. Huntington Wood, Mich., Dec. 9, 1996

Export Development

To the Editor: Your Dec. 8 Week in Review arti-

cle concerning computers' contribution to productivity missed the big

Sure it is a waste when a \$2,000 computer is used primarily for E-mail and Solitaire. But what is truly productive about the computer is the contribution that it makes to the economy in the form of software, hardware and

If you looked at the benefits this brings to the nation, you would agree that computers have improved the productivity in ways measured differently than pure output, such as shortened product development cy-DAVE HENDRICKS New York, Dec. 10, 1996

These exports have clearly offset

losses from manufacturing moved

overseas in the last 30 years.

Computer as Controller

To the Editor:

What Has the Computer Done for Us Lately?" (Week in Review, Dec. 8) misses a couple of important points. First of all, the 1950's and 60's were the golden age of United States productivity mainly because the potential competition was still suffering the aftereffects of World War II. Germany and Japan were flattened and our allies debilitated; only we had the ability to take advantage of the knowledge explosion that followed the war.

Second, computers have had profound effects on productivity as machine controllers. For instance, the modern automobile has better performance, better safety and about twice the gas mileage of the cars of 30 years ago. This stems in part from the use of the computer in the design process and in part from its incorporation into vehicular systems as a controller. Imagine if all cars still got 12 miles per gallon and exposed us to the injury rates of 30 years ago; how much more would workers have to be paid for the same work if their transportation costs reflected this?

As management aids, computers have been a disappointment, as your article reports. However, this has almost nothing to do with computers per se; it's just that if a computer lets you replace 10 clerks, and you're the one in charge of those clerks, and your status in the company rests on how many clerks you have, then suddenly you discover a need for more input. So much more, in fact, that 10 clerks pounding computers can barely handle it. The practical effect computers-in-management has been to increase the workload for everyone at all levels below the level where the computers are in-JOHN K. LUNDE Orono, Me., Dec. 8, 1996

Frank Rich is concerned (column,

We Can Still Love Evita for Her Hipness

Dec. 11) that in awaiting the opening of Madonna's new movie, "Evita," and in purchasing the "Evita" line of clothing, people are embracing, or at least ignoring, Eva Perón's politics. I think he is overreacting a bit After all, moviegoers have always

appreciated the story of a woman working her way up from dire stabbing circumstances while the wealthy in the back (witness enduring popularity of Scarlett O'Hara in "Gone With the

As for the traffic at the Evita boutique at Bloomingdale's, I suspect it has more to do with the fact that these styles look good on women who actually have hips, a sight so rare in modern fashion that many of us will be willing to go to Madonna's



movie, good or bad, as an act of BARBARA D. PAXTON New York, Dec. 11, 1996

Serbian Student Movement Isn't Violent

We are appalled by your Dec. 10 front-page article on the alleged nationalist character of the student protest in Belgrade, Serbia. As can easily be seen from the quotations of some protesters, there are varying political convictions among the students. On the other hand, in the three weeks of protest not a single extremist act has occurred.

Furthermore, contrary to your implications, there were hardly any noteworthy expressions of anti-American or anti-Western attitudes among the students. Your reference to a racist orientation of the Belgrade students or domination of racist content in academic lectures is equally untrue.

The decision to refuse all journalists permission to enter the philosophy faculty building was not made by the students, but by the heads of the faculty. Moreover, the protest rallies have never opened with the old Serbian anthem "God Give Us Justice." but with the old academic anthem "Gaudeamus Ignitur."

We find it to be sadly detrimental to the role of the press in a democratic society that the American public was thus misinformed about the character of this clearly democratic student protest in Belgrade and Serbia. This sort of writing paradoxically places you on the same political side as the undemocratic media and the Government in Belgrade. Finally, let us add that this student protest is now supported by more than 1,500 professors at Belgrade University. MLADEN LAZIC

Belgrade, Serbia, Dec. 13. 1996 The writer, a sociologist, signed this letter along with four other professors at Belgrade University.

The 'Chetnik' Record

To the Editor:

As a civil rights and human rights lawyer who teaches law students on a full-time basis, I applauded the Serbian students' protests against Slobodan Milosevic for his illegal nullification of democratically held Serbian elections. Reading about the protest movement gave me hope that the younger generation would lift Serbia from its repressive state. My hopes were deflated not only by your Dec. 10 article "Student Foes of Belgrade Leader Embrace Fierce Serb Nationalism," but also by the seemingly benign photograph that accompanied the article.

One of the pictured student leaders wears a baseball cap with the logo "Chetniks." The term originated as a derogatory name for the Serbian military in World War II. It was resurrected as an accolade of pride by Bosnian Serb paramilitary groups in their campaign to cleanse

Bosnia of Muslims and Croats. In 1994, while on the legal staff of the United Nations Commission of Experts Established to Investigate

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War Crimes in the Former Yugoslavia, I documented countless reports of individuals who had been killed and brutalized by paramilitary soldiers who called themselves Chetniks. They sang nationalistic Serbian songs while they beat their victims with spiked clubs, singed their bodies, castrated and raped them.

If the Serbian students seek inspiration for their protest from the Chetniks, then theirs is not a movement of hope but rather one of hatred, just like the one launched in 1992 by the very man they seek to topple. Democratic governments should be wary of supporting anything more than the students' right to PENNY M. VENETIS Rutgers University School of Law

Newark, Dec. 10, 1996

Why Is Protest So Late? To the Editor:

It is heartening to see mass Serbian opposition to the totalitarian Slobodan Milosevic, finally (news article, Dec. 10). It didn't happen when Vukovar was annihilated, Sarajevo shelled, Omarska exposed or Srebre-

nica sacked, but it's happening now. Maybe the war-crimes tribunal in The Hague will now find the political courage to indict Mr. Milosevic for his international crimes, beginning with the genocide in Croatia in 1991.

At the same time, Muslim and Croatian survivors of the Serbian genocide in Bosnia are disheartened to see individuals like Vuk Draskovic trumpeted uncritically as head of a Serbian democratic opposition. He is a longtime supporter of World War II Serbian fascists and the recent founder and head of the Serbian Guard, a fascist militia group reported to have committed atrocities in Croatia and Bosnia

In the 1980's, Mr. Draskovic was a best-selling author of anti-Muslim hate propaganda that helped set the stage for the current genocide. He is for a Greater Serbia, A "democratic opposition" figure who denies human rights calls for closer scrutiny.

Today Serbian protesters wave the Serbian fascist three-finger salute. Perhaps the Hague tribunal will expose its meaning, as the Nuremberg trials did for the "Heil Hitler" salute. CATHARINE A. MACKINION

Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 11, 1996 The writer, a University of Michigan law professor, is lead counsel in a suit against Radovan Karadzic.



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A Service Economy

To the Editor:

In the Dec. 8 Week in Review article "What Has the Computer Done for Us Lately?" you overlook the fact that the reason the United States is not meeting the national wealth growth rates of the 1950's and 60's is that our economy has become largely a service sector one, in which rial production is ring to the same extent as in previous decades

No amount of computer use can create substantive production if the economic foundation is increasingly one producing no substance of tangible wealth. But the computer revolution is real. Its "contribution," however, will not be in the form of economic enhancement as much as in the way we interact with each other and the world, for better and for RONALD PERKEL

Somerville, N.J., Dec. 8, 1996

Unitarians' Spirituality

To the Editor:

The Dec. 8 news article "Unitarians Striking Chord of Spirituality" describes the movement, by some Unitarians, away from humanism in search of spirituality.

We are aware of the cultural shift in which many people are seeking "spirituality." This does not, however, need to result in rejecting a humanist perspective. Religious humanism leads one to celebrate the sacred in everyday life while still being deeply committed to reason, experience and human worth. A deepening reflective practice and a desire for meaningful ceremonies that celebrate the significance of life passages and communal events are elements in this process of honoring the human journey. Don Journson

ARTHUR DOBRIN New York, Dec. 10, 1996 The writers are, respectively, senior leader, N.Y. Society for Ethical Culture, and leader. Ethical Humanist

For the Love of Money

To the Editor:

Russell Baker says in "Sweet Is the Lucre" (column, Dec. 10) that no matter whether church, school, business, sports — "everything is about money." But when he refers to money as the root of all evil, he is making a common misquotation of the Christian Scripture, which says that "the love of money is the root of all evil" (I Timothy, 6:10).

It is our understanding that every season is a time for connecting with the Holy beyond us and those in need among us. Money is only one way to do that, but it is an important way. As we pass the plate, we invite all to remember those who are less fortunate, even as we are grateful for columnists who help us see in new ways, or who help us remind each other of the true meaning of some of the old ways. STEPHANIE WEINER

Senior Minister Union Congregational Church Montclair, N.J., Dec. 10, 1996

Foreign Affairs THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

What the Goose Eats

Micro, Macro And Way Beyond

By David Hackett Fischer

WAYLAND, Mass. recent article in The Washington Post reported that more and more experts believe that the U.S. economy, after a quarter-century of painful ups and downs, appears to have entered a new period of stability in which recessions no longer seem inevitable." The experts' conclusion, the article said, is that the business cycle, if not extinct, "is a candidate for the endangered spe-

Those statements bring to mind an immortal prophecy by Irving Fisher, a leading economist in the early 20th century, that stock prices had reached "a permanently high plateau." This remark was made nine days before the Great Crash of 1929. Strong assertions that we are emancipated from business cycles tend to be cyclical indicators in their own right. They come after a long boom, and sometimes, but not always, before a big bust.

The "painful ups and downs" of economic history are still very much with us, as the drops on Wall Street and the roiling of markets around the world last week reminded us.

These economic fluctuations continue to occur not only in the form of short business cycles but also as very long historical movements.

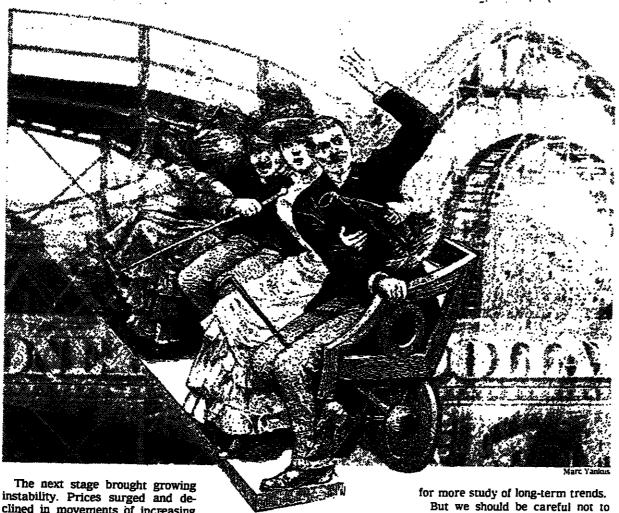
Students of long-term change have compiled data spanning many centuries of economic history. The leading example of these studies is a remarkable index of "consumable prices" in southern England over the last 800 years, constructed by two British scholars, Sir Henry Phelps-Brown and Sheila Hopkins. They discovered that the market prices of food, drink, fuel and textiles have been rising since the 12th century, at an average rate of about 1 percent each vear.

But this study, and others like it, also found that inflation has not been constant. Nearly all of the increases in the past eight centuries have occurred in four distinct periods of price revolutions.

These movements were not fixed cycles but irregular waves, no more (or less) predictable than individual waves in the sea.

The first wave, the medieval price revolution, began as early as the late 12th century and continued to the mid-14th century. Next was the price revolution of the 16th century, which actually started about 1475 and continued to the middle of the 17th century. A third wave, the price revolution

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After many years of equilibrium and comparative peace, a new trend appeared. Populations started to grow more rapidly. Demand for goods and services increased. And

clined in movements of increasing

volatility. Food and fuel always led

the advance; manufactured goods

Commodity markets suffered se-

vere price shocks. Financial mar-

kets became highly volatile. The

amount of money in circulation was

alternately expanded and contract-

ed. Government spending outgrew

revenue. Public and private debt

soared. Even the strongest nation-

states suffered severely from fiscal

stress: The Government of Spain

went bankrupt at least six times be-

tween 1557 and 1647; France strug-

gled under a mountain of debt in the

late 18th century, just as the United

Real wages began to fall, but re-turns on capital investment in-

creased. The rich grew richer, those

in the middle lost ground, and the

poor suffered terribly. Inequality of

wealth increased, as did hunger,

homelessness, crime, violence and

These economic events had cultural consequences. In literature and

the arts, this stage of every price

revolution was an era of dark visions

and restless dreams. The late 16th

and early 17th centuries, for exam-

ple, saw the demonic fantasies of

Pieter Brueghel, the spiritual suffer-

ing of El Greco and the harsh real-

ism of Georges de la Tour. Intellectu-

als raged against their own societies.

Young people gave way to alienation.

and broke with shattering force. The

Finally, each great wave crested

anomie and cultural despair.

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another great wave began. The causes of great waves were highly complex. In large part they were driven by increased demand

Are we coming to the end of the fourth great economic cycle?

effect, especially in middle and later stages. Environmental stresses such as poor farming conditions also had of general crisis.

But we can form a rough sense of gan 100 years ago, as a result of growing world population relative to r After a long period of volatility dur- t ing two world wars and the Great e growing imbalances and instability.

Today, rates of population growth are dropping throughout the world. Inflation has declined worldwide, but it still continues at rates of I to 4 percent in Western Europe and North America, 7 to 10 percent in China and India, and 20 to 30 percent in many countries.

as severe as that of the 14th century end this great wave depends on the choices that we make.

he first step is to try to understand these dangerous movements through careful and world is drowning in statistical data, but not the data that we most urgently need to understand our condition. Every week we study the latest price flutters as if they were soothsayers' bones. But the contextual knowledge that we require to make sense of this information is left mainly to an academic cottage industry.

The Federal Government's excelstudy historical trends.

The Boskin Commission, which criticized the bureau's method of measuring inflation, was right to call

Lu Ping, the Chinese official managing Beijing's takeover of Hong Kong, was explaining a while ago why press freedom in Hong Kong would have to be regulated after the city reverts to China on July 1. To make his point, Mr. Lu opted for an analogy. He said in all seriousness that if a journalist in America were to call for

a different form of government or for the independence of Hawaii, "Will it be allowed? I don't think so." Therefore, he added, it's hardly unusual that journalists in Hong Kong would be barred from calling for the independence of Hong Kong or for a new government in Beijing.

Mr. Lu's statement tells you everything you need to know — and to worry about — regarding China's assumption of control over Hong Kong. the first time in history that a part of the free world is being absorbed by a Communist state. I believe China has no desire to intentionally harm Hong Kong's unique, freewheeling character. Hong Kong is a goose that lays golden eggs. But while China's intentions may be benign, its capabilities are another matter. As one senior Hong Kong official remarked to me. "I'm not sure they really understand what the goose eats."

China's incentives for preserving Hong Kong's special character are many: If China absorbs Hong Kong successfully, without undermining it, Beijing will at least be able to say to the people of Taiwan, "Look, you too can come back to the motherland without losing your special status." But if China fails in Hong Kong. Beijing can kiss goodbye forever the notion of a peaceful unification with Taiwan. China has an obvious economic incentive in keeping Hong Kong a magnet for investment in China, and Beijing also has a deep desire to prove it can rule Hong Kong better than the British imperialists, who seized Hong Kong from China 150 years ago in the Opium War.

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achieve given policy goals. Any at-

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sumer Price Index by legislation

would be folly, like voting to set the

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We must study these great waves

carefully, and ask what made them

so destructive in the past. The dam-

age was caused not primarily by

inflation alone but by fiscal imbal-

ances, market instabilities, mone-

tary errors, falling real wages and

especially by growing inequality be-

We may be on the verge of a new

general crisis, or a new age of equi-

librium, or both in sequence. But

these things are not preordained, nor

are they the products of forces out-

side our control. We have momen-

tous choices to make. If we wish to

make them wisely, it is a time to

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study and reflect.

inconvenient.

But there's the rub. Hong Kong is not just another Chinese city, once lost and now being reabsorbed by the motherland. Hong Kong today is the epitome of a postindustrial city. It is now much more of a global village than a Chinese village. More than 80 percent of its people work in services directed to the global economy. It has moved far beyond the days when it made plastic flowers and cheap radios. It is now a beehive of knowledgefast, not by being big, and its particular skull is putting together faster than anyone eise those deals where the money is raised in Wall Street, the legal framework, design and marketing are done in Hong Kong, and the backroom manufacturing is done somewhere else in Asia. But a knowledge-based city depends on the free flow of information and ideas and on transparent transactions. That's what this goose eats. No info, no eggs.

In other words, Hong Kong's return to China is not just a slice of the West being given back to the East, it is a slice of the future being given back to

Will China forcefeed Hong Kong?

the past. And whatever their intentions, the capabilities of China's leaders to understand the importance of free information for a city like Hong Kong, and their capabilities to manage that information flow without debasing it with whispers, raised evebrows or pressures for self-censorship, are still very limited. (See Lu Ping.) As one diplomat here remarked to me of China's aging leaders: "These guys did-not have lemonade stands when they were little" they put no value on the free flow of information, they truly believe that you can separate free economic speech from free political speech.

"Hong Kong is a bridge culture, China is a fortress culture," remarked Michael DeGolyer, who is monitoring the transition at Hong Kong Baptist University. "Bridge cultures live off tolls - they make a little bit of money on each transaction. The more openness, the more traffic, the more interactions, the more flows of information, the better Hong Kong does. But China's image is the Great Wall. China interacted with the world for years by selectively opening doors to the outside and then letting visitors into very small, confined rooms."

So, what worries me about Hong Kong's future is not what China knows about Hong Kong, but what it doesn't know. What worries me is not whether China will do big things to change Hong Kong, but whether it will understand that even doing little based industries serving Asia. It is an things will ultimately spoil this energetic city that thrives by being unique city's unique character.

for products and services, caused by

rising populations and other factors. 'Monetary factors also had a large a major impact, especially in periods

These waves are very clear in the historical record. But they do not tell us what will happen next. This is because of the nature of history itself. Each wave rises from a sequence of individual choices. As long as this is so, history will never be a predictive science.

our historical context. Today, we appear to be somewhere in the late stages of a price revolution that bethe supply of land and resources. Depression, this long inflation became increasingly apparent during the 1960's. People's responses caused The results included the price shocks, stagflations, falling real wages and rising inequality of the 1970's and 1980's.

The great wave of our time still goes on. It could continue for many years, or, as some evidence suggests, it may be approaching its end. Many parts of the world are now in crises that are very similar to the climaxes of earlier great waves. The great wave of the 20th century has already helped to bring down Socialist regimes in Eastern Europe, tyrannies in Latin America and secular governments in Islam. Many African countries are in the grip of suffering

If this turns out to be a pivotal moment in economic history, how we

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lent Bureau of Labor Statistics receives much criticism and little support. It would be an ideal body to

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The Price of Consumables in England 1201-1993 20th-century Annual Price Index price revolution (1451-75=100) price revolution 16th-century price revolution Medieval price revolution Victorian equilibrium Enlightenment equilibrium equilibrium Year 1500 1300 1200 David Hackett Fischer, "The Great Wave"

of the 18th century, began in 1729 and reached its climax around 1812-15. The fourth wave commenced in 1896 and has continued to our own time. Mark Twain observed that history

does not repeat itself, but it rhymes. So it did in these great movements. Some lasted as long as 175 years, others were as short as 85 years. Each wave was a unique historical event, but all had the same structure. They began silently in periods of high prosperity; at first scarcely anyone recognized them as long-term trends.

After several decades, a new stage began. Prices rose beyond the range of previous fluctuations. As people became aware of the new wave, they responded by raising rents, increasing interest rates and hoarding commodities. These individual choices drove the general price level higher.

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medieval price revolution reached its climax in the crisis of the 14th century, a time of famine and plague. The price revolution of the 16th century ended in the general crisis of the 17th century — the only extended period since the Middle Ages when the population declined in Western Europe. The price revolution of the 18th century culminated in the era of the American and French Revolutions and the Napoleonic Wars.

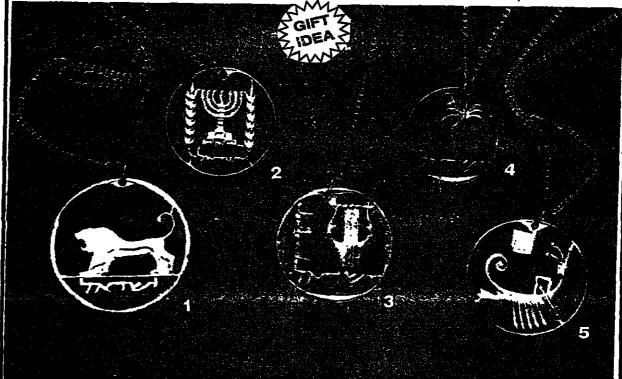
As the waves ended, these general crises gave way to sudden price deflation, and then to long periods of comparative equilibrium, when prices fluctuated on a fixed plane or fell a little. Real wages rose, and returns on capital investment declined. Inequality stabilized and then diminished.

These periods of equilibrium had a

distinct cultural character. The one

from 1400 to 1480 might be called the equilibrium of the Renaissance. Another was the equilibrium of the Enlightenment, from about 1660 to 1730. The most recent was the Victorian equilibrium, from about 1820 to 1896.

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From Claude Chabrol, a French 'Thelma and Louise'

In his film 'La Cérémonie.' the director puts two women together

WEEKLY REVIEW

to make an explosion.

By ALAN RIDING

LAUDE CHABROL is not one for making overtly political movies, but he could not resist adding what he calls a touch of Marxism to his latest movie, "La Cérémonie." Not that anything immediately resembling politics is present. It is just that this veteran French director thought it rather topical to remind audiences that social resentment is alive and well despite the end of the cold war and the oft-proclaimed death of

"I have heard rich industrialists saying that class warfare is over, but it's really not up to them," said Mr.

Chaprol, 66, who looked every bit the political science professor as he puffed on his pipe in his producer's office here. "It's up to the workers to say it's over. And, in truth, the happier the industrialists are, the more worried I am. People's frustrations have to go somewhere, and if they don't go into dreams, they explode."

In "La Cérémonie," they explode, not in revolution but in a way that is evidently satisfying to Sophie, an illiterate maid played by Sandrine Bonnaire, and her friend Jeanne (Isabelle Huppert), an angry young woman who works in a village post office. Loners, underprivileged, social outcasts, they have as class enemies the deeply bourgeois family of Georges Lelièvre (Jean-Pierre Cassel), his wife, Catherine (Jacqueline Bisset), and their two children. And they eventually have the last word.

'La Cérémonie," which opens in New York on Friday, has been acclaimed by French critics as one of Mr. Chabrol's best film in years. Adapted from Ruth Rendell's novel "A Judgment in Stone," it won Ms. Bonnaire and Ms. Huppert best actress awards at the 1995 Venice film festival; Ms. Huppert also won a César, a French Oscar, for best ac-

The film, Mr. Chabrol's 48th in a career that stretches back almost 40 years, marks the fourth time he has cast the diminutive and wan Ms. Huppert, 41, in a major role. He is again working with her on his new film, "Rien Ne Va Plus," which will carry the English title "No More Laughs."

More than many of his recent movies, "La Cérémonie" carries Mr. Chabrol's film noir stamp. That is, it is a psychological thriller in the Hitchcockian mode built around women, his favorite subject. In this case, he even wrote the screenplay with a psychologist, Caroline Eliacheff, who is married to the movie's producer, Marin Karmitz, Ms. Eliacheff has worked professionally with children who have difficulty learning to read, an experience that proved enormously helpful in shaping the character of Sophie, who is central to

'Illiterate adults develop amazing skills in order to hide their problem," Mr. Chabrol said. "In Sophie's case, she could recognize the letter 'p' and the letter 'e' but she could not join them to say 'pe.' '

This in turn becomes a metaphor for the relationship between Sophie and Jeanne.

"On their own, each is a victim of no importance," Mr. Chabrol ex-plained "But when you bring them together, they become a dangerous weapon. Jeanne is the vowel and Sophie the consonant. Psychologists know this phenomenon well. Each individual is harmless, but together they create an explosive chemical reaction. It's like Bonnie and Clyde, like Thelma and Louise."

In "La Cérémonie," Sophie and Jeanne are lost souls, but they bond when they discover they are both fleeing a dubious past: each was suspected of murder and, although acquitted in court, neither seems certain of her own innocence. Jeanne is the stronger of the two, if only because she can read. Yet without Sophie, her suppressed need to wreak vengeance on society would never have taken form.

Despite the dark roles he gives them in his films, Mr. Chabrol likes to say that he likes women. Certainly, "La Cérémonie" confirms that he remains absolutely fascinated by women after a lifetime of moviemaking that began in 1958 with "Le Beau Serge" and has produced such



Sandrine Bonnaire and the director Claude Chabrol working on "La Cérémonie"—Class warfare.

and "Story of Women," both with Ms. Huppert.

More recently, Mr. Chabrol made his version of Flaubert's 19th-century shocker "Madame Bovary" (also with Ms. Huppert), the story of a young woman trapped in a boring marriage who dreams of a life of passion. He then cast Marie Trintignant in "Betty" as a married women who flees home to escape her life of promiscuity. And in "L'Enfer," a woman named Nelly, played by Emmanuelle Béart, has a husband who is crazed with jealousy for no apparent reason except that, well, she is Ms. Béart.

In a review of "La Cérémonie" in Le Figaro, the critic Claude Baignères noted that Mr. Chabrol was once again in his element, "Women are in general at the center of all the tumult," he wrote, "because he likes them for their cunning, their whims, their instincts, their obsessions, their contradictions, their fear of nothing. He loves their unpredictability. (The movie, which opened here two years ago, did well in French thea-

The director had a more solemn explanation. "Women are much more worthy than men," he said. "They live in a world that is still very macho. So to be heroines, they acclaimed films as "La Femme Infi: __dent have to do extraordinary was also delighted when she suggest dele," Le Boucher, "and "Violette" shings: It's enough for them to be ed that Ms. Bonnaire play Sophie; he

women to have very real problems. And they are much stronger than men. They're more realistic. They have their feet on the ground. Which is why I think it's outrageous that romen don't run countries."

So does Mr. Chabrol, now on his third marriage, understand women? "Yes, he does," Ms. Huppert said. "He doesn't idealize women in the way people do in most films. He just shows them the way they are. Not victims, not fighters, somewhere in between. I like his way of portraying

She also enjoys working with him. "I think with him I have the best relationship with a director that an actor could dream of," said Ms. Huppert, who has made some 50 films. "It's a combination of feeling completely free and creative and imaginative and yet feeling completely controlled by him. He gives you the chance to create your own character, yet he has a precise idea of what he wants. But he doesn't tell you. He just lets things happen, so you never feel limited by him."

Mr. Chabrol said he invited Ms. Huppert to choose between the roles of Sophie and Jeanne - and was glad when she picked Jeanne. He

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was already in touch with Ms. Bonnaire, with whom he had not worked before. And, he added, the two women worked together as the perfect

"I was more open, more alive, more vivid than I seem to be in most of my parts with Chabrol," Ms. Huppert said. "I have never found such an interesting role in the sense that I explored things which seemed new to some people yet were very close to me. The part was very close to my nature, to what I am really like." She laughed at the thought. "Except for the end, of course," she said, referring to the unexpectedly violent de-

Mr. Chabrol in turn said that he continued to be attracted by rather tortured stories about women because he believed that most people were consumed by pessimism.

"I am perfectly happy," he said, 'and that's what's so horrible. If I'm happy, there's no reason why other people can't be happy. But I sometimes think that if God exists, He must be a bit perverse because He has made humans slightly inferior to the level they need to live happily. That's why people go to the movies, to escape their lives. My idea is not te distract them. Rather, it's to try to clarify a thing or two."

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Isabello Huppert in "La Cérémonie" - "He gives you-the chance to-

"cfeate your own character," she says of Claude Chabrol. "

By PAM BELLUCK

IEN Kenneth Bran-"Hamlet" agh's opens on Christmas Day, the average person who sees it may be struck by Ophelia (Kate Winslet) in a straitjacket or tickled by Billy Brooklyn-accented Crystal's gravedigger

But if the folks at Castle Rock Entertainment have gauged things correctly, thousands of high school students will be instructed to "rewrite Hamlet's speech in your own words" and "describe the modernday equivalent" of "the one character with whom you can most closely identify": Ophelia, Laertes, Horatio, Guildenstern, the Gravedigger or Fortinbras.

Of course, Castle Rock does not really care whether teen-agers see themselves as Fortinbras, the menacing prince of Norway who spends his on-screen time plotting war strategy in slow motion, or as the lying school chum of Hamlet's who, with Rosencrantz, is put to death in the end. The important thing is that the youngsters see the movie - and maybe tell their parents and friends to do the same.

"Hamler: The Study Guide" is coming soon to a teacher's curriculum prep period near you. And "Hamlet" is far from the only movie to have sought out school teachers to be promotional emissaries.

There are study guides for "Mother Night," based on the Kurt Vonnegut novel of the same title, "Twelfth Night," "Dead Man Walking," "Hoop Dreams," "Schindler's List," "Gorillas in the Mist," "My Family: Mi Familia," the documentary "Looking for Richard" and "Mr. Holland's Opus."

There is a CD-ROM "educational civil rights tool" for "Ghosts of Mississippi," a movie that opens on Friday. And for "Shine," the new film based on the life of a troubled child prodigy pianist, the study guide deals with everything from water imagery to the "significance of eyeglasses.

In an ideal world, the guides supplement classroom curriculum.

"If they're reading the play and they're looking at the movie as well, that's not bad," said David Denby, a film critic and the author of the recently published "Great Books: My Adventures with Homer, Rousseau, Woolf and Other Indestructible Writers of the Western World." "But if they're just looking at 'Hamlet' without reading the play, then it's marketing. I think it's just a shortcut for teachers insofar as they allow themselves to be exploited by people

Study guides are now an integral

part of the movie-making

machine.

who are marketing the movies." "If you're interested in water im-

Don't go see 'Shine.' " Teachers, however, tend to welcome the guides on the grounds that they encourage educated viewers and help students penetrate otherwise ponderous classics.

agery," he added, "read poetry.

"It just helps to bridge the connections between them and literature in a way that's current," said Catherine Goldsmith, an English teacher who has used the "Looking for Richard" guide in her 10th-grade class at West Babylon High School on Long Island. "It makes it easy for the

Whatever their merit, there is no question that study guides, which are distributed to thousands of teachers across the country, have become an integral part of the movie-making machine. They are sent to science classes, social studies classes - anything that might relate to the movie. The guide for "Shine," for example, was sent to teachers of music, psychology, sociology and history, the last because "Shine," however tangentially, "touches on the whole Holocaust aspect," said Vincent Nebrida, senior manager for marketing and special projects of Fine Line Features.

The bilingual study guide for the 1995 film "My Family: Mi Familia" was sent to schools with Hispanic students. Assignments included creating a family tree with help from parents. ("Studios, of course, like that - to reach parents," said Roberta Nusim, president of Youth Marketing International, which created the guide.)

Video releases are often an excuse to send study guides to even more teachers. The guides are also available on the Internet. There are even study guides for television movies: "The Ann Jillian Story" came with a study guide on breast cancer, and there was a study guide for the television movie "Gulliver's Travels," starring Ted Danson.

"Here's a classic - it's hard to read," said Dominic Kinsley, executive vice president and editor in chief of Lifetime Learning Systems, which produced the "Gulliver" study guide. "Here's a great opportunity for the 85 percent of people who are

never going to read that book to know what it's about. You see the movie.'

Teachers who use the guides are not alone in praising them. Neil Postman, chairman of the department of culture and communications at New York University and the author of 'Television and the Teaching of English," said that film and television "ought to be taken more seriously by teachers" because they are not going to go away. Even Peggy Charren, founder of Action for Children's Television and a vehement critic of Chris Whittle's Channel 1, which brings news broadcasts and advertising into school rooms, found little to criticize in the study guides.

"Generally, they don't make guides for rotten films," she said, like something where they chop up Grandma on the dining room table. So if it is promotion, at least it's promoting the kinds of things that need promoting."

For film companies, of course, education is an incidental byproduct of the guides.

"I'm not taking a cynical view of it." said Mr. Nebrida of Fine Line. "Everyone just thinks in terms of marketing." He paused, then added, "But beyond that I think it's a really good form of educating people."

Apparently, study guides do make for good marketing. Ms. Nusim, who was behind the guides for "Hamlet." "Dead Man Walking" and hundreds of others, said she conducted a survey of high school students in the late 1980's and found that 28 percent of students in a class saw a film in movie theaters when the teachers used a study guide, compared with only 16 percent when no study guide was used. Created primarily by former

teachers, the study guides are carefully written so as not to offend teachers' sensibilities. "You really need to know how to talk to teachers to make sure that you're not overstepping what they do in the classroom," said Ms. Nusim, who spent 15 years teaching English in public schools in the Bronx and Manhattan and who got started in the movie study guide business with the 1979 film "Kramer vs. Kramer." "I've always made sure that everything we do has that stamp of educational viability."

The guides (and, often, movie posters) are sent directly to teachers to bypass school bureaucracy and pique interest. "When teachers get something themselves, it's special," said Dr. Kinsley, a former English professor at Yale University. "When it comes from your princi- 105 Plan out pal. it's work."

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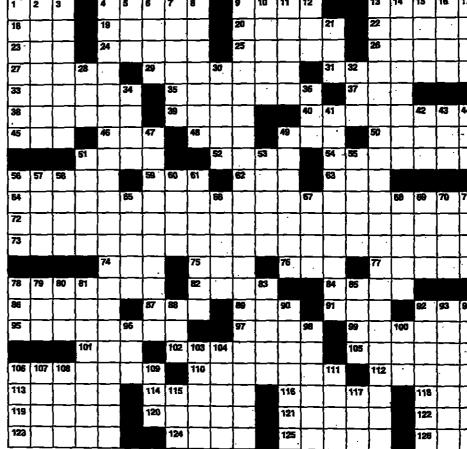
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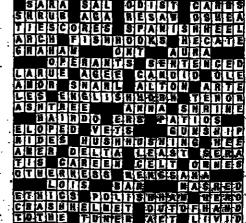
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The UN

according to Foa

THE problem with the UN is that "the coun-

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"During the Cold War they

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uments, and use us as a figleaf

so they could tell people they

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emergencies and put out the

bush fires, but they don't

want us to get any credit for it," she said. "They want us

to be the scapegoat for the

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to resolve because they don't

have the political will to put

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Corruption on the march in Germany

T may begin with a glass of beer. Soon, it may grow into lunch for family and kids. Or an all-expenses-paid visit to the local brothel. Or free decoration on the mother-in-law's coffin.

Experts say corruption is on the march in Germany and warn that so far there seems to be little political will to fight it.

"From A to Z, every office is bribed. No company, no office, no level seems to be immune to corruption," according to Peter Walter, a council representative in Offenbach, near Frankfurt, and a former long-time police

Walter was among a group of experts who attended a recent two-day conference on corruption, organized by the union of German crime fighters.

"Corruption is worse than homicide," said Eike Bleibtreu, chairman of the union, a trade organization that groups police officers, prosecutors and other law-enforcement officials. "It kills the entire society."

The conclusion of the experts: a growing number of German public servants are accepting bribes. The estimated annual damage: 5 billion to 20 billion marks (\$3.2 billion to \$13.1 billion), according to Bleibtreu.

Construction permits, residence permits for foreigners, driving licenses, vehicle registration - all can be bought for a bribe, Bleibtreu said.

"There is corruption among police too," he added. Criminals have been tipped off about impending police raids, he

Bleibtreu said the Germany of the future might become a land where "nothing is achieved without baksheesh."

Germany is not about to become a banana republic just yet. In fact, Germany comes out looking pretty good in a survey of least and most corrupt nations issued in June by Transparency International, a Berlin-based multinational organization whose goal is to curb corruption in international business.

A country judged to be corruption-free would be given 10 points and New Zealand came closest with 9.43. At the bottom

Germany was ranked 13th with 8.27, while the US scored 7.66, making it the 15th least-corrupt nation in the views of business

executives. Schaupensteiner. Wolfgang chief Frankfurt prosecutor and a leading anti-corruption crusader. says one difficulty authorities have is obvious: corruption is hard to detect.

But that was only part of the problem.

'We can get a judge to order the bugging of the telephone of a bicycle thief, but not of a corrupt politician. When we discover political corruption, we are not allowed to investigate further," Schaupensteiner said.

"Political corruption is basically not punishable here," he said.

"Some of them who are more honorable may resign but we can't prosecute them." Bleibtreu

Schaupensteiner picked one example to show how widespread corruption was.

A recent government auditor's report in the state of Hesse found cases of corruption in every community that was checked. "Do you think you have such cases only in Hesse?" one of Germany's 16 states, he asked rhetorically.

Comprehensive anti-corruption laws have been on the table for a long time but the government has not pushed them through.

in fact, until this year German law allowed companies to deduct from their taxes any bribes they

paid to do business abroad. One of Schaupensteiner's suggestions is to punish those who offer bribes, including bribes masked as donations to one or

another political party. Two foreign experts also attended the session - Leoluca Orlando, the mayor of Palermo in Sicily, and Grigory Omelchenko, chairman of the anti-corruption and organized crime commission

of the Ukrainian legislature. The Germans are eager to adopt the Italian experiences in luring Mafia bosses into becoming witnesses for the state, what Schaupensteiner and other experts consider a key strategy in

fighting organized crime. Omelchenko, who said corruption reached the highest levels in Ukraine, warned about the role newly rich Ukrainian and Russian "businessmen" could have in spreading corruption in

the West He said that an estimated S3 billion, often earned in shady or illegal deals, were kept in Germany by such businessmen. Sooner or later, some of that money will be used for bribing Germans." (AP)

Germans."

Charmer international

When Boutros Boutros-Ghali's term at the UN ends, the press will lose the lively Jewish spokeswoman brought in to brighten up the

reports S of last January 1, some 200 journalists of the inter-Lnational press corps of the United Nations have been treated to a breath of fresh air in the person of Sylvana Foa, the outrageous and charmingly blunt

UN's image.

Naomi Farrell

Now, they are very depressed that Boutros Boutros-Ghali has not been reelected, and consequently, they will not be able to enjoy her enlightening and sparkling renditions of what the

spokeswoman of the secretary-

UN has to add to history each day. Some of the journalists who were not too enthusiastic about the present secretary-general said, before Friday's appointment of UN undersecretary Kofi Annan

of Ghana to secretary-general, that they "wouldn't mind putting up with [Boutros Ghali] for another term, if only Sylvana could stay." One could never doze in boredom at her daily briefings, even if

she has hardly anything to report - which does happen once in a while - she would quip: "Good news day - no news, the world is OK, because all the news is terrible." With her brilliant sense of humor, she has the talent of making the most mundane news colorful and interesting, and prides her-self in being able to translate the "gobbledygook." "UNese," and "inter alia" situations to real everyday life. She even humanizes statistics.

"Sylvana," as she is fondly known by her many admirers on the Secretariat building's thirdfloor press section, was borrowed from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees 1991, and v aroused the chagrin of so many people with her direct outspoken approach that she was noticed by Boutros-Ghali, who was in the market for a new image for the unpopular UN.

That's how this delightful 51year-old, wisecracking, chainsmoking, native of Troy, New York, got here. A graduate of Columbia

University's Barnard College and



Boutros Boutros-Ghali's departure means the world will have to get by without spokeswoman Sylvana Foa.

important, and the line that says you can't tell people what you're doing because you'll be breaking

The journalists here are not fooled by political rhetoric the great UN failure in Bosnia, for example. They watched the evolution of the whole situation. They watched the fact that we got 16,000 peacekeeping troops with a mandate that was, pretty please, pretty please, Mr. Serb, can I go through your checkpoint? Pretty please, Mr. Serb, can I deliver

supplies to the other side?' "This, with no mandate to push their way through. Sixteen thousand troops for three years of winters and all-

"And then, when the international community finally decided that they wanted to settle Bosnia and they got a peace agreement, they sent in 60.000 NATO troops armed to the teeth with a mandate that said, 'mess with me, buster, and you're dead meat.'

"The UN was blamed for things we never did. We were told not to do something and were blamed because we didn't do it. Or we were told to do sometning because we did do it. We are not perfect and have setbacks all the time but we are not willing to take the blame anymore and that's a realization that's coming very slowly. Most countries respect people more when they fight back or stand up for themselves, instead of saying: 'Oh please, I'm so

a Special Carnegie Fellow at the Graduate School of Journalism, her journalistic career has brought her to many exotic corners of the globe such as Bangkok, Saigon, Hong Kong, and New Delhi. She worked for a variety of publications and wire services, such as Newsweek and United Press International (UPI).

She seems to have left her mark wherever she went. She was evicted from Cambodia after writing that American bombing raids were being directed from the United States Embassy - based on pilot-to-controller conversations that she picked up on a \$15 radio, as described in a New York Times article by Barbara Crossette. Foa has no qualms about criticizing her own government, because it's inside the family. If I were an Iranian or Libyan bureaucrat, I would be accused of being anti-American.

"It's the same with being Jewish," she says. "I don't always approve of what's going on in Israel, but if someone who was not Jewish had the same opinion, adventuresome and seemingly (UNHCR) in Geneva, where she I'd think, they were antisemitic fearless Foa. who between 1971. had been spokeswoman since and want to knock their teeth and 1978 covered the war in-

> FOA HAILS from a very prominent Italian-Jewish family of which a chapter in Alessandro Stille's book Benevolence and Betrayal is about the "Foas of Turin." Her great-grandfather, Giuseppe Foa, was the chief rabbi

Joseph Foa, a well-respected aeronautics engineer involved in designing jet planes, was impris-oned by the Fascists, later escaped to America, via Switzerland and Holland, got married and had four daughters - the second of whom

was Sylvana. She has been carrying on the family tradition of bringing attention to the Foa name throughout her career. She was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in 1984, for a 4,000-word interview with Indira Gandhi conducted just before her death, and rushed to print on the day of her assassination. The following year, Foa was nominated for both a Pulitzer Prize and an Overseas Press Club award for her Vietnam 10th Anniversary Package, including the first interview with Le Duc Tho. During our interview, she said

that one of the reasons she loves working at the UN is that she is "thrilled to be in the middle of history being made and in some small way to be a part of it." But this is certainly not new to our was credited with significantly influencing US foreign policy. Foa was one of the first US correspondents granted a Chinese visa, and spent two months traveling there. It gave her a chance to practice the Chinese she had learned at Columbia University's East Asia Institute.

that then plagued Italy, and traveled widely in the Middle East and Africa as a troubleshooter. Earlier she covered the fall of the confidences.

When asked what attracted her to an international career, she answered thoughtfully: "My late father became a refugee when he escaped from a Fascist prison in Italy. If he were not given asylum by the United States he would have been killed. That's why I have a strong feeling in my heart for the plight of refugees and the complex circumstances leading to this tragic situation. The UN is here not just to launch peacekeeping operations but to address and resolve global issues which create refugees, such as overpopulation. poverty, famine, desertification, disease, persecution, torture."

FOA IS a passionate advocate of

shah in Teheran.

the UN, and feels it plays a vital role in the world which is not really publicized. Her dilemma as the person in charge of the UN's image is "that the UN is in the forefront of most things that are happening in the world, and this is something that we are not very much of what we do is behind the scenes. quiet diplomacy. Therefore, it's very easy for us to get passed over. We're not allowed to really pound our chests and say 'we did it, we did it!' It's better if countries take credit for it, and they feel better about it. Its

"It was the UN that brought up the problems of the environment to begin with. Warning horns

were first sounded in this building. If they are cutting down the rain forests in Brazil, it's going to affect storms on the east coast of the US, and crops in Africa. Everything is interlinked and now people are just beginning to understand that. Governments are now realizing that they can't take care of their own people unless they cooperate globally. The ozone-layer problem was not created by one country, and it is affecting all of us, all of our children and grandchildren. A country cannot stop an epidemic by closing its borders. You can't build walls around your country to keep diseases out. The same goes for terrorism, and narcotics trafficking. These are things we have to work together on. That's what this

place exists for," she says. . "If the world decides to let this organization die, they'll immediately make another one just like it because the real problems in the world today are global."

Foa, who in her childhood worked as a babysitter to buy trees in Israel (and since has made numerous visits to look for her trees), fell in love, is buying an apartment in Jaffa and making aliva. She plans to live there when home.

of Turin. Her uncle, Vittorio Foa. (She is fluent in French and she retires, and write a book, "I'm a hard line not to stray from. The who is still living in Italy, was a need to keep the UN in the news Italian as well.) looking forward to 'coming Also, from a base in Rome, she and let people know that the UN she says. Watch out! senator and famous anti-Fascist Jaffa will never be the same. Labor Union leader. Her father. covered the rampant terrorism is something worth having and is

Post-apartheid environmental CCORDING to a Canadian Research group working in South Africa, that country has inherited some of the world's most severe environmental problems. A good many of the most pressing problems stem from the former apartheid system wherein 80 percent of the population were crowded into the so-called homelands created for the black people. These enclaves comprised only 13 percent of the area of the country and this led to drastic overcrowding which resulted in the total degradation of the environment.

Today these areas are virtually deforested, seriously eroded, water sources are polluted, and the soil is on the borderline of being nonarable. In addition, those black residents who did come into the cities were classed as "sojourners," and their residence was considered to be temporary. Therefore, no effort was made to provide infrastructure in the slums into which they moved.

Today these areas are filled to overflowing with people who have no access to sanitary **EARTHLY CONCERNS** D'VORA BEN SHAUL

facilities or clean water, and in some places these teeming areas pose a threat to the entire water system of the area. Bad farming practices, on the part of both black and white farmers, has furthermore led to the loss of some 400 million tons of topsoil a year over more than a decade. This situation is rapidly causing soil depletion and diminishing crop

Industry also received the attention of the Canadian team, which found that most of South Africa's factories are using out-of-date equipment and causing undue air and water pollution. Power plants are almost all coalburning and lack proper smokestacks and pollution preventing scrubbers. But repairing the damage, and, at the same time, preventing further deterioration is going to be a job that could challenge South Africa's governments for generations to come. The white farmers

are set in the ways handed down to them by their forefathers and are slow to accept change; the black farmers are equally reluctant to see the advantage of new agricultural

As for industry, marginal profits and a lack of cash flow caused by former long-term sanctions make investment in environment protecting systems almost out of financial reach. But in addition to all this, while the white citizens seem to see conservation as a matter of wild-life reservations only, the black population have a long history of having seen 'conservation" as simply another way to force them off their land.

Despite all this, efforts are being made and today South Africa recycles more materials than any other country - including glass, plastic, paper, aluminum, and even tin. And at the same time, environmental studies are being introduced into all branches of the school system. Even so, the road ahead is long and beset by a lot of problems that Nelson Mandela's government urgently needs to confront.

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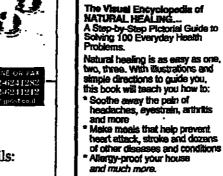
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Ministers still revising cuts, two days after deadline

FOUR ministries were still revising their 1997 budget-cut proposals last night, two days after the government-imposed deadline had expired. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu attempted to end the stalemate between four

ministries and the Treasury over the implemen-

tation of the newly agreed 1997 budget curs. during a series of meetings last night. Netanyahu teamed with Finance Minister Dan Meridor and held individual meetings with Interior Minister Eli Suissa (whose minwith Interior Minister Eli Suissa (Whose ministry faces a NIS 126 million cut), and Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav (NIS 22m.). Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan (NIS 38m.) and Deputy Construction and Housing Minister Meir Porush (NIS 63m.) agreed on

their ministries' final cuts. Netanyahu decided the Agriculture Ministry would cut NIS 31m. with an additional NIS 10m. cut from Mekorot's budget, on condition treated water prices are not raised.

During last Monday's cabinet session – which approved total additional cuts of NIS 1.8 billion - four ministers voted against the proposals - Katsav, Suissa, Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai, and Foreign Minister David Levy. While Katsav and Suissa both object to the cuts in their own ministries. Yishai and Levy object more to the wider implications for the socially weak.

Levy had already approved NIS 45m. in cuts to his own ministry by Thursday, Yishai's ministry will not face cuts in 1997, but has found

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Speaking ahead of last night's meetings with the four ministers, Prime Minister's Office deputy director-general for financial issues Moshe Leon said he expected all four to produce positive outcomes.

Additionally the Defense Ministry, which has to make the largest cut NIS 150m., has yet to determine where the cuts will be made. "We are sure there won't be a problem with Defense," Treasury spokesman Eli Yosef said

The Industry and Trade Ministry, which had been given until yesterday to submit its recommendations for NIS 102m. cuts, has been given a further extension until today to conclude its

Netanyahu was scheduled to hold further meetings today with senior Treasury civil servants, headed by budget department head Ran Kroll. Kroll expressed his satisfaction on Thursday with the speed and level of cooperation shown by most ministries in presenting their revised budget-cut proposals.

This afternoon, Netanyahu is to meet with Likud MKs in an attempt to persuade them of what he sees as the absolute necessity to pass the budget with total cuts of NIS 6.7b. In the evening Netanyahu is to meet with Meridor

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meetings tomorrow, before he grants his approval. This will then enable the introduction of the new proposals to the Knesset, initially to its Finance Committee and then for its second

and third readings no later than December 31. Meanwhile, older people from across the country are to demonstrate outside the Knesset next Monday against what the Israel Pensioners Association describes as "the obtuseness of the government towards the pen-

They object to several of the proposals currently being considered in the Knesset, including the annulment of the Veteran Citizens Law, payment of fees for doctors appointments, and taxation on old-age pensions. Senior association representatives are to meet with President Ezer Weizman this Wednesday to convey their

concern over the budget proposals.

So far some 20 MKs have joined the newly created pensioners lobby, including Naomi Blumenthal (Likud), Maxim Levy (Gesher). Shaul Amor (Likud), Avraham Herschson (Likud), and Shmaryahu Ben-Tzur (NRP). These MKs, plus others in the coalition, could yet prove to be unwilling to support the budget as is. It is understood from Treasury sources that Meridor is prepared to accept certain compromises, particularly with regard to the payment of doctors' fees and National Insurance Institute child

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Ravitz: Health fund pact imminent

EVELYN GORDON

AN agreement among Treasury, the Health Ministry, and the health funds on proposed changes in the National Health Law now seems likely, Knesset Finance Committee chairman Avraham Ravitz (United Torsh Judaism) said yesterday.

The Treasury has proposed a host of amendments to the law as part of Economic Arrangements Law accompanying the budget. The health funds objected, saying some of these changes would make the funds' deficits even worse, while others were tantamount to nationalizing the funds. Two weeks ago, the two sides agreed to try to negotiate a compromise, but yesterday they told the committee that no progress had been made.

After the committee meeting. however, the two sides met again, and Ravitz said considerable progress was made. A deal could be completed as earlier as tomorrow, he said.

"I think the Treasury finally understood that the Economic Arrangements Law isn't going to pass without some kind of agree-

ment that I can accept," said Ravitz. He said the agreement is likely to encompass three key points. The first of these is the expected gap between revenues and the funds' outlays for hospitalization in 1997, due to the fact that hospital fees will rise by some 14.5%, while revenues will rise only 10%-11%. As hospital costs account for some 55% of the funds' total expenses, the resulting deficit is estimated by the funds at NIS 150 million.

Isaac Weitz, managing director of the Dan Rent-A-Car company, Under the compromise that seems to be shaping up, this gap would be reduced, though not eliminated, by increasing the funds' revenues. Then, to give them an incentive to make up the balance by cost-cutting elsewhere, NIS 300m. would be distributed in best job of balancing their budgets.

"I can't agree to creating an a priori deficit," Ravitz explained. The second issue is the Tenders Law, which requires all government agencies to do their purchasing by tenders. The Treasury wants to apply this law to the health funds as well, but the funds charge that this will raise their purchasing expenses considerably, as the law does not permit them to negotiate after the bids are in. Ravitz therefore proposed amending the law such that the funds would be able to negotiate with

the three lowest bidders. The last issue is the Treasury proposal that it have the right to appoint a supervisory accountant any time a fund develops a deficit of 5% or more. This accountant would have veto power over expenditures, hiring, and promotions. The funds charge that this would effectively nationalize them, by giving the Treasury virtu-

ally total control of their activities. Ravitz said he initially proposed forbidding the Treasury to appoint such an accountant without the committee's consent, but this was opposed both by some of the MKs and by government legal advisers, on the grounds that since many of the funds are politically affiliated, the committee's decision might be influenced more by political than substantive considerations.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

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Elbit, Bezeq, and Tadiran yesterday launched Netor, a Hebrewlanguage Internet service replacing a more limited service called TV-Tel. According to Netor manager Eitan Glaser, the new service offers a wide variety of services via the personal computer in a user-friendly way. Shopping, information and entertainment are available to subscribers, in addition to news bulletins from Army Radio, bank account and stock market information, job offers from a manpower agency, legal, psychological and astrological advice, medical service listings and consumer items. The cost of an annual subscription is NIS 34 each month, not including linkup time to the

Flour prices rose by 5.51 percent this morning, in accordance with an agreement between Finance Minister Dan Meridor and Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky.

This decision follows a total 27% drop in flour prices over the last three months.

Hapoalim: Tsubari 'victims' get NIS12m.

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

BANK Hapoalim has decided to compensate provident fund fund accounts by the end of the investors with NIS 12 million to month. cover damages as a result of the illegal use of their investments in 1994 (the so-called Tsubari episode), the bank announced vesterday.

Hapoalim's former provident fund deputy managing director Eylon Tsubari was indicted in connection with stock manipulations and illegal use of investors' money.

Hapoalim informed customers that it will compensate investors for damages incurred from June 1994. The bank said it took a long time to complete the calculations, because of the many securities that had to be examined.

According to a bank spokesman, in most cases compensation to provident fund holders is small, since only a small percentage of fund savings is invested in securities.

For example, someone who had NIS 100,000 invested in the bank's Gadish provident fund will be compensated between NIS 30 and NIS 40. The Gadish fund, which has

S OF OVER INTO 170. will receive a total compensation of NIS 4m.

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The bank said the size of the compensation was calculated by the Kesselman and Kesselman accountancy firm, which was hired to examine the provident fund securities activities in the relevant period.

The calculation takes into account all shares used or suspected of being used for illegal ectivities.

The team of Bank Hapoalim workers that were engaged in calculating the damage came to the conclusion that in most cases provident fund members incurred a profit as a result of transactions in the relevant securities, said Bank Hapoalim.

"But, this profit was not taken into account for the purpose of the calculation," said the bank. Bank Hapoalim's decision to compensate investors comes

about two years after Discount Bank decided to compensate its provident find investors with NIS 2.8 million for damages as a result of the illegal use of their investments by former bank employees.

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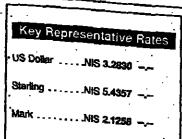
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Holiday season dampens futures trading

COMMODITIES ROUNDUP

NEW YORK - Precious metals closed mixed on Friday, with February gold futures slightly soft in a quiet and featureless trading

Sources pointed out that underlying reasons could be the upcoming holiday season, as well as rumous that the European Central Bank would be selling gold in the near future in order to cover deficits, amid budgetary concerns. March silver also ended slightly lower in very thin and featureless

On the close, February gold lost 40 cents, closing at \$370.40, while March silver ended down 1 cent at \$4.85. January platinum closed 20 cents lower at \$370.90 and March palladium was 65 cents lower at \$119.75.

High grade copper futures traded lower on Friday as the London Metal Exchange (LME) copper stock report came out higher than expected. Potentially supporting news in the market are reports of labor unrest and a possible strike at a Phelps Dodge mine.

March copper futures closed down 40 basis points at \$0.9930 Speculator buying and buy stops caused the world sugar market to settled higher on the day, with the March futures closing up 27 points at 10.73 cents. There was no new fundamental news and an analyst

is looking bearish and countries that were importers last year would be exporters this year. March cotton futures settled 35 points lower at 76.10 cents on commercial trade selling, floor

commented that the sugar market

Anaiysts thought Thursday's US Department of Agriculture report and export sales report proved to be slightly bear ish for the market. They noted that, as worldwide cotton supplies tightened up. US export sales could increase.

sources said.

Energy futures closed sharply higher on thin volume ahead of the weekend, as the weather forecast continues to effect the market. Courtesy of Michael Zwebner, CommStock Trading Ltd.

Tanker for Iraqi oil docks in Turkey

CEYHAN, Turkey (Reuter) - An oil tanker to load the first Iraqi crude to be exported through Turkey in six years docked in the southern Turkish port of Ceyhan about midday on Saturday, witnesses said.

Turkish Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan is to attend a ceremony at Ceyhan today to celebrate the resumption of the flow of oil under the UN "oil-for-food" deal with Iraq.
After clearance from UN

Secretary-General Boutros Bourros-Ghali last Monday, oil began flowing to Ceyhan this week through a 986-km pipeline from the Iraqi oil city of Kirkuk.

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(Continued from Page 1) death, unless a state physician gives permission otherwise, such as circumstances which necessitate an autopsy. Cremation is banned by Jewish law.

Heyra Kadisha representative Rabbi Nahum Hacohen Kook insisted that Astrovsky had no intention of being buried in an

"The deceased, while she was alive, bought a burial plot near other family members, in the haredi section of the Holon cemetery," he said. "This was her wish and her last will and testament, to be buried in a grave in a cemetery. We came from earth and return to the earth."

However, Hacohen Kook added, he would take into consideration "the sensitive menual state of Moshe and Rahel Be'eri, and will my to compromise as much as possible within certain limits."

As a compromise among all the parties, it was decided that if the Alaskan government does not agree to the strange request, the Hevra Kadisha may agree to bury the body in formalin and ice.

Meanwhile, Alaskan authorities can expect the request today, and will have to decide if they wish to bury the body of an Israeli woman in one of the state's icebergs.

Boeing in \$13.3b. deal to buy McDonnell Douglas

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Boeing Co. will buy McDonnell Donglas to form the world's largest aerospace company under a \$13.3 billion deal announced by the companies yesterday.

If approved by federal regulators, the combined company under Boeing's name would have annual sales of \$48b., and be headquartered in Seattle, where Boeing is based. St. Louis-based McDonnell Douglas would continue to operate under its own name as a major division of Boeing. Philip Condit, president and chief executive officer of Boeing, called it "an historic moment in aviation and aerospace."

The new company will be the "largest, strongest, broadest, most admired aerospace cor-poration in the world and by far the largest US exporter," said John McDonnell, chairman of the board of McDonnell Douglas.

The officials said they anticipated no trouble gaining federal approval for the deal that has been under discussion for three years.

US reached an agreement on Saturday on how Japan should

open its insurance industry to for-

eign competitors, an esoteric row

that grew into a major political

Washington had charged that

Japan was trying to keep the bulk

of its \$400 billion insurance market

closed while trying to open up to

Japanese firms the one niche in the

sector where foreign companies

had gained a footbold. Japan said it

was all a matter of timing and just

part of a bigger deregulation of the

recently called it the biggest trade

issue between the world's two

economic superpowers and out-

going Secretary of State Warren Christopher even called Japanese

Foreign Minister Yukihiko Ikeda

earlier on Saturday to underline

how seriously the issue was

The deal came just as Acting US

Trade Representative Charlene

Barshefsky was getting ready to

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US President Bill Clinton

country's financial firms.

viewed in Washington.

line expired yesterday.

issue between the two countries.

Agreement on opening

The combined company will have operations across the spectrum of aerospace, from commercial aircraft to military planes to space satellites and launch vehicles.

The company will have a workforce of nearly 200,000 workers and major operations in 26 states. Although some consolidation of corporate headquarters staff was anticipated, both companies said they are in a growth mode so that no major layoffs were expected, at least in the imme-"The greatest strength of this combination is our

people," Condit said. Although the companies characterized it as a merger, the terms clearly show Boeing is buying McDonnell. McDonnell shareholders will

receive Boeing stock worth \$13.3b., McDonnell's operations will be melded into Boeing's the McDonnell name will not be part of the new company, and the top officer and twothirds of the board of directors will be Boeing

Some of the major Boeing programs include Boeing 777 and 747 commercial airliners, the F-22 fighter, the AWACS radar plane, the Comanche helicopter and portions of the space shuttle.

McDonnell Douglas programs include the MD-11 civilian airliner, the Navy F-18 fighter, the Air Force F-15 fighter, the Delta III launch vehicle, the C-17 cargo plane.

In addition to Seattle and St. Louis, the newly formed company would have major operations in Wichita, Kansas; Long Beach, California, Philadelphia and other cities.

The armouncement comes two weeks after the two companies announced they would team up on future wide-body commercial airplane projects. It also follows a key Pentagon decision that excluded McDonnell Douglas from the competition to build the new Joint Strike Fighter. Boeing was chosen as one of the two finalists to develop the

Rubin: US economy Japan insurance sector fine despite stock dip

TOKYO (Reuter) - Japan and the ance talks were settled peacefully was good for Japan-US relations," Mitsuzuka told reporters at a hastily arranged news conference. A key issue in the dispute was health and future prospects for the

Japan's reluctance to open the main primary life and casualty insurance sector to outside companies while wanting to allow more domestic firms into a niche market where foreign firms have an edge. Washington has argued that a 1994 agreement calls for Tokyo to deregulate the primary sector, which is dominated by Japanese companies, before unleashing competition in the tiny specialty market

Mitsuzuka declined to give details of the agreement, saying the exact wording was still being discussed. A senior Finance Ministry official later told reporters it was agreed that Japanese life insurers' non-life subsidiaries can sell personal accident insurance, one part of the niche market, from January 1, 1997. But he said measures will be provided to protect foreign insurers from "radical changes" in the business environment.

board a plane at Tokyo's Narita Airport after meeting Japanese Industry analysts have said Finance Minister Hiroshi Mitsuzuka Washington's demands are just a day before the self-imposed deadone part of a deregulation likely to transform the Japanese insurance "The fact that the long insur-

WASHINGTON (Reuter) - Despite recent volatility in the stock market, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said on Saturday that stock prices over the long run will reflect the

> economy, which he said were good. Rubin said Clinton administration economic policymakers were not monitoring financial markets any more than usual even though stock prices took a roller coaster ride last

What we're focused on is doing what we think is right for the longterm economic growth of this country," Rubin said in an interview on CNN's Evans and Novak program.

"While the markets undoubtedly will fluctuate around ... I think that on balance the economic outlook is very good." After gaining more than 91 points

in the first two days of the week, the Dow Jones Industrial Average mmbled sharply in the next two and then gyrated wildly within a 93point range on Friday. On balance, it lost a net 77 points in the week, Rubin attributed much of the economy's recent strength to "fiscal discipline," and said the Clinton administration was committed to balancing the federal budget.

He echoed President Bill Clinton's view that any constitu-

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tional amendment to require a balanced budget must be flexible enough to accommodate changes in the economy, but added he could not imagine any way of accomplishing

"I don't think that you can draft something that will adequately protect you against the dangers of a balanced budget amendment," he said. "The commitment we have is to a

balanced budget," he added. "I do not believe we should put any form of a balanced budget amendment in

A balanced budget amendment failed to make it through the Senate last year by one vote. With Republicans having added to their Senate majority in last month's elections, the measure may have enough support to pass Congress.

House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich told John McLaughlin's One on One television program a vote on the balanced budget amendment would be "close. But I think at the end of the day we will have enough votes to do it this time."

Rubin held out the possibility that the administration may accept Republican proposals to cut capital gains taxes. Kasich said he was fairly confident a capital gains tax cut would be agreed, according to excerpts of the program.

wo-sided trading

Shares end lower ahead of CPI

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

DAN GERSTENFELD Maof Index

Two-Sided index SHARES closed lower yesterday

0.58%

ahead of the release of November's consumer price index, traders said. The CPI, announced after the close of trading, rose 0.6 percent against a rise of 0.8% in October.

The Two-Sided Index fell 0.58%, or 1.20 points, to 205.69 on all-share turnover of NIS 70 million against NIS 90m. on Thursday. The Maof Index lost 0.56% to 213.74.

"Activity declined today because the market was awaiting the CPI release. The market was expecting a rise of 0.5 to 0.7%. A higher figure would have been very disappointing," one trader said yesterday. "Several investors were taking

profits today, but the market is still very strong," said Zvi Hoffman at Meitav Investments and Securities.

"The market is nervous as in the US."

investors wait for political developments. Investors are also worried because of the instability of Wall Street," Hoffmanic added

Supersol lost 0.25% to 7,909: after it said it is exploring acquiring Shekem's supermarket business. Shekem surged 6.0% to 104.5, while Elco Holdings, Shekem's parent company, roso 3.5% to 8,775.

The most active shares were 2 Bezeg Israel Telecom, which fellis 1.0% to 781 on volume of NIS 2.7m.; Formula Systems, which it gained 1.75% to 2.884 on turnover of NIS 2.5m.; and Teva v Pharmaceutical Industries, ' which lost 0.5% to 151,061 on volume of NIS 2.4m.

Traders said Formula traded heavily in response to and announcement last week that the 7 company planned to float shares . (Reuter) "

TENSIONS

(Continued from Page 1) of two members of the Tzur family, who were gunned down outside Beit El last week by terrorists from the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).

Netanyahu also expressed sorrow for the killing of Palestinian worker by an Israeli farmer in the Negev last week, the statement from the Prime Minister's Office

Privately, Arafat has voiced anger at demands he consistently condemn Palestinian killings of Israelis, saying that neither Netanyahu nor other cabinet ministers have ever publicly con-demned Israeli killings of Palestinians.

In their phone conversation, Arafat told Netanyahu that he has demanded the PFLP stop its ter-

In a related matter, Col. Jibril Rajoub, head of the Palestinian Preventive Security Service in the West Bank, said his men have arrested dozens of PFLP mem-

He said mug shots of the PFLP suspects are to be given to Israel for Yoel Tzur to try to identify his attackers, but that Israel's demands for their extradition would be denied.

We will never hand over anyone to the Israelis," Rajoub told the Associated Press. "We have our own courts and process. We will prosecute those responsible,"

Military sources say they have yet to receive any mug shots from the Palestinians.

Earlier in the day, Arafat and Netanyahu traded charges that the other side was engaged in hostile activity. "There is clear information that the Palestinian side senior elements in the Palestinian side - have been planning, without connection to the cabinet decision, for weeks; planning another wave of violence, Netanyahu said, alluding to the September outbreak following the opening of an exit to the Western Arafat was quoted by Yediot

Aharonot yesterday as saying settlements.

Jewish settlement is a time bomb,01 and Netanyahu has turned to-:: "cheap propaganda" because be knows this. He called allegations that he was plotting violence 'nonsense.'

The Palestinian leader told reporters in Gaza yesterday: "As for the statements of the Israeli prime minister today that we are preparing to wage war on them, this is untrue and aims at diverting attention from what he is preparing to do against us ... This government does not want

Netanyahu said the opposition should instead be attacking "the clear attempt by the Palestinian Authority to ignite the area." Meanwhile, Defense Minister

Yitzhak Mordechai dismissed Palestinian warnings that support-ing settlement expansion would gravely endanger the seace, saying the government would go ahead with the strengthening of Jewish settlements.

"We are aware of the threats and threats won't deter us. We advise the other side not to threaten us and to continue with the [peace] process which we have started." Mordechai said. Together with this we have said time and again that settlement in Judea, Samaria, and the Gaza District is determined by the government of Israel and deserves to be support-

Mordechai made the statements, after a meeting yesterday with settler leaders, followed by a onehour condolence call in Beit El' Bet to the family of Yoel Tzur.

Mordechai, who in his position has the last word in settlement construction, promised settler leaders to enlarge settlements, but he refused to elaborate. Beit El residents are pushing the IDF to-let them build housing on adja-, cent army firing ranges, but neither would say whether this has been approved. Mordechai was accompanied by

Transportation Minister Yitzhak Levy, OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan, and Noah Kinarti, Mordechai's adviser on

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kick which thundered into the side

of the Luxembourg goal. The goal

came from a move that saw the

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The Israelis should have gone

through pass to Hazan was crossed

weetly into the area only for

Nimni to skewer over the bar on

A further chance went begging three minutes after the break

when Revivo galloped through and rounded Koch, but by the

time he released his shot it was

predictably cleared by one of the

two Luxembourg defenders who

had managed to cover the goal

Four minutes later at the other

end Robert Langers had a free

header but fortunately for the

hosts he was unable to add any

Twenty five minutes of boring

power or direction to his effort.

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The Jerusalem Post Monday, December 16, 1996

Israel blanks Luxembourg

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Eli Ohana knocks in lone goal in unimpressive match

half

A LATE first-half goal from the boot of veteran Eli Ohana was enough to secure a vital 1-0 Israeli victory over Luxembourg in last night's group 5 World Cup qualifier played at the National Stadium

The three points gained propelled Israel back into second position in the group; the side now lies one point above Bulgaria and is level on points leaders Russia, who have a better goal difference. The Israelis have played one more game than both main rivals, and could live to rue their inability to increase last night's scoreline in the event that the road to France '98 is eventually decided on goal

difference. While national coach Shlomo Scharf expressed relief at the final result last night, the way his team played must give cause for con-cern. Despite being cheered on by a surprisingly large crowd of 32,000 supporters, this turned out to be one of the worst home performances in recent years.

What should have been a night of goals marking captain Nir Klinger's new record of 80 national caps, instead turned into an impotent and aimless display by a squad capable of giving far more against one of Europe's weakest

Klinger's opposite number Carlo Weis who coincidently also set a new national mark last night. Luxembourg near the edge of the

with 83 appearances will have drawn more satisfaction with his

side's showing. The match started at breakneck pace as the Israelis sought to get an early goal by racing at their opponents. Predictably the ball was lost and Luxembourg were able to mount their own retaliatory

Betar Jerusalem's debut-boy Yossi Abuksis managed to impart the opening missive with a long range shot from 20 meters that took a deflection and bounced just over onto the top netting of Paul Koch's goal.

Seconds later Koch had to parry to deny Eyal Berkovic as he charge into the area and released a fierce low shot.

After the first twenty minutes the momentum began to slow down, but the Israelis failed to look comfortable on the ball or develop any pattern of play. Tal Banin and Abuksis seemed to lag far too deep in home territory while Avi Nimni looked awkward and unable to blend in with feilow-midfielders Berkovic and Haim Revivo, who themselves repeatedly ran into a crowded pack of red-shirted defenders.

The next Israeli play of any consequence came in the 34th minute as Berkovic again ran at the

play followed during which the inept Israelis were caught offside every time they went forward, area only to be cynically fouled by partly due to excellent defensive Weis, who somehow escaped a marshalling by the tall figure of booking from Welsh referee John Ashman. Revivo took the free Metz central defender Jeff

Strasser.

SPORTS

The late introduction of Itzik Zohar finally galvanized the Israelis into some more substantial attacking play, and the visitors had some fortune when a strong penalty appeal by Hazan was waved away by Ashman.

defender chipped the ball high into the area, and as Koch jumped up to collect he fumbled, allowing Scharf said after the match, "I Ohana to tap in his 15th internaam pleased with this result. We did not play a good game, but we tional goal from just two meters earned the points against a strong, fast European outfit and that is two up in the final minute of the what matters."

In answering questions from the press about Israel's listless performance Scharf responded, "We were badly rattled after the defeat by Cyprus. The players have lost confidence and have not played well lately. This result will boost morale." On the other hand with the national squad needing to gain away points in Bulgaria, Russia and Luxembourg, it is hard to see the light at the end of the tunnel after a such a perfor-

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Ramat Gan shocks Galil Elyon

THE National Basketball League reached the midway point of the season as two makeup games from earlier in the season were played. Maccabi Ramat Gan made a strong statement by thrashing Galil Elyon, while Maccabi Tel Aviv continued its dominance of the league with a victory over the

rapidly improving Herzliya club. Ramat Gan 94, Galil Elyon 76 Earlier this season, it was unclear whether Ramat Gan would be allowed to participate in the National League this year. Now, at the season's halfway point, it is in fourth place with an eye on the upper playoffs.

In a matchup featuring two young, hungry, tenacions teams, the Ramat

BOSTON (Reuter) - Dominik

of the season and Michal Grosek

scored twice to lead the Buffalo

Sabres to a 4-0 victory Saturday

over the Boston Bruins, who went

winless on a five-game homes-

Hasek made 29 saves, stopping

Andre Roy on a pair of break-

aways to record his 19th career

Donald Audette added a power-

play goal and an assist for Buffalo

(15-14-2), who have back-to-back

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rebounded their northern counterpart. The Ramat Gan superiority was apparent from the outset as it jumped out of the gate to leads of 7-0 and 16-5. Gor Shelef and Andrew Kennedy did their best to keep David Blatt's club in the game, but a fantastic first half by Nir Matalon helped Ramat Gan maintain its double-digit lead.

The game featured Roy Fisher's Ramat Gan debut and after a slow start on a weak ankle, Fisher followed a tremendous backdoor pass to Matalon with a medium-range jump shot extending the lead to 53-34 with 1:15 left in the half.

At that point Ramat Gan got sloppy, and Kennedy, Shelef and Gil Sela uti-lized the mental breakdown to reel off

Sabres skate past listless Bruins

don't know what's going on with Boston," said Sabres' Brian Holzinger. "I can't understand

why they're playing the way they

The Bruins (10-14-5), who went

0-4-1 on their homestand, lost

right wing Sandy Moger, defence-

man Ray Bourque and centre

Audette scored the only goal

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a 10-2 run to close the gap to just six points - 55-49 - early in the second half. But then Tony Massup, Uri Cohen-Minsk, Oren Aharoni and Josh Mcintyre regained their focus and blew out the uncharacteristically lethargic Galil.

Matalon (17 points) led an extreme-ly balanced attack that featured six players scoring in double-figures. Kennedy tallied 24 in the losing cause. Maccabi TA 82, Bnei Herzliya 72 Herzliya managed to keep the game close for 35 minutes, but then Naday Henefeld (26 points) exploded for 10

Hasek needed during a two-man

third period to give Buffalo

Philippe Boucher and Brad Smyth

scored in the final 89 seconds after host Los Angeles pulled its goaltender for an extra attacker as the Kings ral-

lied for a tie with Washington, winless

Garth Snow made 21 saves for his

first career shutout and Rod

Brind'Amour scored twice for visiting

assist in the first period as Philadelphia extended its unbeaten

streak to seven (6-0-1) and improved

SATURDAY'S NHL RESULTS: Buffalo 4, Boston 9 Philadelphia 4, Hartford 9

John LeClair had a goal and an

breathing room. Kings 4. Capitals 4

in its last six games.

Whalers 4, Flyers 0

points in a three minute span to turn a tenuous 68-65 lead into an unassail-The victory gave Maccabi a three-

they don't want it right now. I od Grosek scored twice in the

game lead over second-place Hapoel Jerusalem, while Herzliya moved into eighth place.
The National Basketball League

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Sunderland shuts out

Chelsea, 3-0-LONDON (Reuter) - Chelsea's bleak winter continued when they lost 3-0 to Sunderland in the

Premier League yesterday. Chelsea, whose talent-laden side started the season brightly, have now gone five premier games without a win. Their last league victory was over Manchester United at Old Trafford on November 2.

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100 road victory The Rockets (20-2) improved to 10-1 on the road this season. Hakeem Olajuwon had nine points and 10 rebounds for Houston, which had not won in Seattle since

SATURDAY'S NBA RESULTS: Miami 89, Toronto 88 New York 89, Denver 82 Atlanta 106, Philadelphia 81 Cleveland 101, Minnesota 93 Chicago 87, Charlotte 82 San Antonio 106, Dallas 185 Milwankee 161, New Jersey 91 Utah 101, Orlando 68 Houston 109, Seattle 100

ealth) e v ork EASY DOES IT - Philadelphia's Lucious Harris (left) and Atlanta's Mookie Blaylock fight for a

rebound in the second period of Saturday's game at the Omni in Atlanta.

Rockets rush by SuperSonics

on a practically unstoppable Matt-Geiger in the final minute. Geiger scored 18 of his 20 points in the fourth period, including 16 straight Charlotte

"We were lucky to win tonight,"

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SEATTLE (Reuter) - Charles Barkley had 26 points and 15 rebounds and Clyde Drexler added 23 points as the Houston Rockets snapped a 13-game losing streak against the Seattle SuperSonics Saturday with a 109-

April 17, 1993.

Shawn Kemp had 28 points and 10 rebounds and Gary Payton added 16 points and five assists for the SuperSonics (16-9), last

L.A. Clippers 106, Sacramento 94

year's NBA Championship runners-up.
Bulls 57, Hornets 525.
Michael Jordan scored 29 points and hame away from us at the crit."

Rodness was suspended two games
by file Bulls for a profine tirade against referees on Sunday. The Bulls bear Minnesota and New Dennis Rodman returned from a twogame suspension to grab a season-high 23 rebounds for host Chicago. Jersey in his absence. "It was great having Dennis back in the game tonight," Jordan said. "His intensity Jordan was not an offensive factor down the stretch but made a key block

was good and he did a nice job on (Anthony) Mason." A pair of three-pointers by Toni Kukoc helped the Bulls down the stretch as Chicago improved to 20-3.

Glen Rice scored 25 points for the Hornets.

Jeff Jaeger's 45-yard field late in

Krieg, 14-4 as a starter against

the third gave Chicago (7-8) a 17-

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Bears squash Chargers' playoff chances

CHICAGO (AP) - Dave Krieg seconds elapsed in the fourth threw three short touchdown passes and the Chicago Bears all but eliminated San Diego from the playoff race Saturday night, beating the slumping Chargers 27-14. San Diego (7-8) has lost three straight and will be out of the

postseason if Indianapolis wins Sunday in Kansas City. Krieg's 8-yard touchdown pass Chargers quarterback Stan to Ryan Wetnight, who missed Humphries, who missed last the five previous games with a week's loss in Pittsburgh with a

torn knee ligament, gave the

Bears a 24-14 lead with seven for 217 yards.

expense of England

SATURDAY'S NFL RESULTS: Chicago 27, San Diego 14; Philadelphia 21, NY

YESTERDAY'S EARLY RESULTS: San Francisco 25, Pittsburgh 15; St. Louis 34, Affanta 27; Carolina 27, Baltimore 16; New Orleans 17, NY Glants 3; Minnesota 21, Tanna Bay 18; Green Bay 31, Detroit 3; Dallas 12, New England 6.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bowe wins again on Golota's disqualification For the second time in five months Riddick Bowe, behind on all three judges' scorecards, benefitted from Andrew Golota's uncontrollable penchant for throwing low blows and won on discualification on Saturday.

Golota had a point deducted for an intentional head butt in the second round, lost another point for a low blow in the fourth round and was disqualified at 2:58 of the minth round after sending Bowe to the canvas with another low blow.

Bowe, 29; improved to 40-1, while Golota slipped to 28-2. Reuter

England loses to Zimbabwe in cricket England failed to improve its dismal record against Zimbabwe yesterday as it shumped to a two-wicket defeat in the first one-day international at Queen's Club.

England's bowlers did their best to make up for a shocking batting display by reducing the hosts to 107 for seven, but Zimbabwe skipper Alistair Campbell saw his side past England's pality total of 152 with 6.1 overs to spare. Zimbabwe his only won eight of its 63 one-day internationals, but remarkably three of those victories have now come at the

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WHAT'S ON

CRITIC'S CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

God is on trial in Elie Wiesel's "The Schamgorod Trial."

PHILIPPE Entremont leads the orchestra in Ravel's Le Tombeau de Couperin and Bizet's First Symphony. Tonight at the Tel Aviv Museum and tomorrow in Kfar Sava at 8:30

BARITONE Yaron Windmueller and pianist Daniel Gortler perform Brahms's Schoene Magelona today (5) at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem, tomorrow (6) at the Tel Aviv Museum, Friday (1) in Beersheba, and Saturday (8:30) in Haifa. Hanna Marron is the narrator.

MUSICA NOVA presents an open stage tomorrow (3) at the Music Hall in Jaffa in which Leonti Wolf leads the ensemble in works by local immigrant composers including Maxim Levi, Ruben Kziloti and Vladimir Levitt. Admission free.

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

GERMAN-SPEAKERS rejoice - the New Theater from Halle, Germany, is at the Cameri Theater with The Schamgorod Trial, an allegorical drama set in the 17th century by Elie Wiesel.

Against the background of a pogrom in 1649, which leaves only a handful of survivors, three actors make a Purimshpiel and put God on trial for his indifference to the

suffering of the Jewish people. God's attorney is none other than an incarnation of Satan.

This is a different kind of courtroom thriller that had German audiences gasping. On the main stage tonight and tomorrow only, at 8:30 p.m. (German with simultaneous translation into Hebrew.)

LEONARD Bernstein would approve of what director/choreographer Denni Savers has done with the joint Habimah/Haifa Theater production of West Side Story. Gang rivalries aren't pretty or romantic and the production brings that into the sharpest

The dancing and singing are crisp and lively, the actors believable, the set marvelous and the music, oh! the music that tugs at the mind and the heart. Aki Avni is quite simply tremendous as Tony, and Meytal Trebelsi is getting there as Maria. Go. Comes to Tel Aviv for a two-week run on the Habimah mainstage at 8:30 p.m. (Hebrew)

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

In 1985 the Greenpeace protest ship Rainbow Warrior was sabotaged and sunk by the French secret service in the ocean off New Zealand. Many questions about the incident still remain unanswered. Among those on board at the time was photographer Fernando Farira, who is still missing.

Ten years later, his 18 year-old daughter Marla went to the scene of the disaster in order to find out what the French were really trying to hide, and at such a terrible price. Tonight on the Discovery Channel at 10 and again tomorrow at 1 and 5 p.m.

TELEVISION

E CHANNEL 1

6:31 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning, Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Revolutions in the Modern Fra 8:30 On Second Thought 9:00 Without Secrets 9:20 Nature 9:45 Programs for the very young 10:15 Science 10:40 English 11:10 Social Sciences 11:40 Tolerance 12:15 Science 12:35 History 13:00 The Onedin Line 14:00 Surprise Train 14:20 Kitty Cat and Tommy 14:40 Gaya, Gal and Gill 14:55 Gargantua 15:10 Without Secrets

15:30 Tinytown Tales 15:50 Booly 16:00 The Mysterious Island 16:25 Dubileh 16:45 Super Ben 16:55 Zap to Basel 16:59 A New Evening 17:34 Zappy Books 18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS 18:30 Sport 19:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS 19:30 News flash 19:31 The Simpsons 20:00 News 20:45 Popolitica 22:10 Backtrack with Enud Manor 22:45 The Lazarus Man 23:30 News 00:00 Verse

E CHANNEL 2

13:00 Make A Wish 13:30 Basic Arabic 14:00 Echo Point 14:30 Tic Tac - quiz show 15:00 Super Duper 15:30 Trick or Treat 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News Magazine with Rafi Reshef 17:30 Zehu Zeh 18:00 Santa Barbara 19:00 The Mossad 20:00 News 20:30 It's Nothing - entertainment with Avri Gilad 21:45 Dan Shilon Live 23:20 Yes Minister 00:00 News 00:05 Night Owls Talk 2:00 They Want to See Blood 2:30 On the Edge of the Shelf

■ JORDAN TV

14:05 Muppet Show 14:30 Dad's Army 15:00 French programs 16:00 Nature's Inventions 16:30 Hey Dad 17:00 News flash 17:02 Wild Flower 17:15 Destin Ridge 18:00 French programs 19:39
Ridge 18:00 French programs 19:30
News headlines 19:35 Roseanne 20:00
Disaster Chronicles 20:30 Cinema,
Cinema 21:10 Lazarus Man 22-00
News in English 22:25 Devices and
Desires 23:15 The Knock – police drama

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

7:00 Quantum Shopping 8:00 TV Shop 14:30 700 Club 15:00 Larry King 16:00 A-Team 16:55 Family Challenge 17:45 Family Matters 18:10 Saved by the Bell 18:35 Day and Date 19:30 World News

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

7 One preserving body of yours truly in decorated marble! (8)

9 Opinion needed when one is divided by 506 (6) 10 About to produce an egg on

the sticky earth (4) 11 & 12 Strike—or just the

opposite? (10,6) 14 Canadian dog (8) 15 Most insipid meat's

11

cooked, last of roast (6) 17 Tyrant of foreign place (6) 20 Afflict with a haircut? (8) 22 More crazy about the plant

manner (10) 24 A victory on the river (4)

25 Air filter (6)

26 Beach shoes are damaged

DOWN

inferred (8)

2 She had an insect, she did

4 Fair examinations should be! (8)

1 Demon allowed it to be

3 Main disaster concerning innermost membrane (6)

22 Might, before 24 hours, be a distress signal (6) 24 Pain in stomach excruciating (4)



SOLUTIONS

5 Drank too much, went

6 Book contains most of a

8 Used to sift through the

13 Unimportant abstract (10)

16 & 18 Gambling successfully and getting rid of all the directors (8,3,5)

19 Large flag of an Egyptian god (6,)

21 How a game of chess might

end for one of the residents

range of notes, nothing

beyond the limit? (10)

more (6)

puzzle (6)

Yesterday's Quick Solution ACROSS: I Bizet, 4 Bodies, 5 Cabaret, 10 Easel, 11 Edam. 12 Agitate, 13 Buy, 14 Able, 16 Note, 18 Ast, 20 Proverb, 21 Yale, 24 Extra, 25 Dealing, 28 Larger, 27 Swede. DOWN: 1 Backed, 2 Zebra, 3 Tory, 5 Obedient, 6 Instant, 7 Silver, 8 Stray, 13 Beverage, 15 Bloster, 17 Appeal, 18 Abode, 19 League, 22 Alike, 23 Lass.

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS 1 Eater (5) 4 Marked (7)

8 Duchy (7) 9 Cured pork (5) 10 Soup spoon (5) 11 Gallery (anag.) (7) 13 Oblique (4)

15 Dethrone (6) 17 Hired (6) 20 Welsh man's name (4) 22 Undress (7)

24 Sum (5) 26 Contending (5) 27 Long bridge (7) 28 Illuminate (7)

DOWN 1 Swindled (7)

3 Compensate (7) 4 Comparison (6) 5 Brownish-yellow (5) 6 Most wealthy (7)

7 Dainty (colloq.) (5)

22 Fiend (5) 23 Should (5) 29 Joined together (5) 25 Torso (5)

21 Bliss (6)

2 Undraped (5)

12 Amiss (4) 14 Pavement edge (4) 16 Shoving (7) 18 River mouth (7) 19 Weakened (7)

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CABLE

■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Cartoons 16:30 Things Which Can't Be Sold 17:15 Panorama 18:00 Artiores 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Doctors Talk 20:00 News 20:45 International Art Magazine 21:15 Kentucky Fined Movie (1977) - Gult movie composed of a collection of sixts; the best spool Bruce Lee moves and TV programs. Directed by John Landis. (90 mins.) 23:45 Adventures - Man and

B ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Wonder Years 16:00 Animals of the Mediterranean 16:30 Food for Thought 17:10 Fruits of Earth 17:35 Phenomenal World 18:00 Basic Arabic 18:30 Family Relations 19:00 Revolutions in the Modern Era 19:30 Vis a Vis 20:00 A New Evening — with Russien subtriles 20:36 Cybernews 21:00 Star Trek: The Next Generation 21:45 Video Clips 22:00 Female Perspective 22:30 Situation – documentary series 23:30 Levich Management tary series 23:30 Jewish Mysticis:n

FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Sisters (pt) 9:00 Cne Life to Live (pt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (pt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (pt) 11:20 Perla Negra (pt) 12:10 Neighbors (pt) 12:35 Dalles (pt) 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:10 Burke's Law 15:00 Sisters 15:50 Days of Our Lives 18:40 Neighbors 17:10 Dallas 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Perla Negra 20:50 The Naked Truth 21:15 Ned and Stacey 21:40 Frasier 22:05 Hope and Giona 22:30 The Drew Carey Show 22:55 New York Daze 23:20 The Larry Sanders Show 23:45 Law and Order 00:30 Silk Stalkings 1:20 North of

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Leave 'Em Laughing (1981) (rpt) 13:15 A Star is Born (1937) — original version with Fredric March and Janet Gaynor (rpt) 15:10 Ad Madness 15:40 Amore! (1993) (rpt) 17:15 Flight 90 (1984) (rpt) 18:50 Perry Mason: The All-Star Assassin (1993) — Perry Mason investigates the murder of the forector of a mena-sports syndicate in certer of a mega-sports syndicate in order to defend his client (90 mins.) 20:30 Mr. Write (1994) - a struggling playwright is drowning in the world of TV commercials for a living. With Paul Reiser (86 mins.) 22:00 Fatal Friendship (1991) - a man begins to suspect that his best friend is actually a hit man for a crooked corporation and faces a serious moral dilemma (88 mins.) 23:35 The Soft Kill (1994) (rpt) 1:05 Etemity (1990) - the battle bet good and evil personified through the struggle of two men. With Armand Assante and Jon Voight (121 mins.) 3:10 They Live (94 mins.) – futuristic horror

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 9:00 Coure Mano 9:30 The Center of Things 9:45 Pink Panther Show :10:20 My Brother and Me 10:45 The Center of Things 11:09 Casfornia-Dreams 11:30 Little University 12:00 Shesh-Tus 12:30 Hugo 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:15 Free Willy 13:40 Inspector Gadget 14:00 The Children from Oz 14:30 Coure Mario 15:00 The

Center of Things 15:15 Pink Panther Show 15:50 Ocean Girl 16:15 The Center of Things 16:35 Minor Adjustments 17:05 Little University 17:30 Shesh-Tus 18:00 Hugo 18:30 Loony Toons and Berenstein Bears 19:05 Little Mouse on the Praine 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Rocko's Modern Life and Ren & Stimpy 20:25

Married With Children 20:50 Roseanne

E SECOND SHOWING (6)

21:15 Lois and Clark

22:00 Petite Apocalypse (French, 1992) 22:00 Ferre Apocaryses (French, 1932)

- saure of the European Left after the tall
of Communism by director CostaGavras. An exiled Polish writer is persuaded to commit suicide in order to get his work published. (106 mins.) 23:50 intolerance (1916) - D.W. Griffith's masterpiece tells the story of prejudice from Babylon to the modern day. With Liftan Gish. (167 mins.)

DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University: Dynamics of Quality Control; Difemmas in Medicine 12:00 Arabia: Sand, Sea and Surf, part 2 (rpt) 13:00 Beyond 2000 (rpt) 13:30 New World, (rpt) 14:00 Open University (rpt) 16:00 Arabia: Sand, Sea and Surf, part 1 (rpt) 17:30 New World (rpt) 18:00 Open University (rpt) 20:00 Seven Wonders of the World: Wonders of the East — Hanging Gardens of Babylon 21:00 Great Palaces - Grand Palace, Bangkok 21:30 Fork in the Road - Europe 22:00 Beyond the Rainbow - a look at the cover-up of the sinking of the Greenpeace ship The Rainbow Warnor France in 1985 23:00 Seven Wonders of the World (rpt) 00:00 Open

E SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 Adventures 7:00 Executive Lifestyles 7:30 Europe 2000 8:00 Today 10:00 Wall Street Morning Reports 11:00 European Money Wheel 15:30 Wall Street Morning Reports 17:00 MSNBC - The Site 18:00 National Geographic 19:00 Fashion File 19:30 The Ticket 20:00 Selina Scott Show 21:00 Dateline 22:00 NHL Hockey 23:00 Best of Tonight Show with Jay Leno 00:00 Best of Late Night with Conan O'Brien 1:00 Best of Later with Greg Kinnear 1:30 NBC News with Tom Brokaw 2:00 Best of the Tonight Show with Jay Leno 3:00 MSNBC Internight -

E STAR PLUS

6:00 Nathalie Dupree Cooks 6:30 Video Fashion News 7:00 Kate and Allie 7:30 Oprah Winfrey 8:30 Dynasty 9:30 Santa Barbara 10:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 11:00 Buniyaad 11:30 Liteline 12:00 Home and Away 12:30 Lost in Space 13:30 Black Stallion 14:00 Kate and Allie 14:30 Nathalie Dupree Cooks 15:00 Amul India Show 15:30 Star News in Hindi 16:00 Small Wonder 16:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 Imtihan 17:30 Star News 18:00 Yes, Minister 18:30 Chicago Hope 19:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 20:00 Santa Barbara 21:00 X-Files 22:00 Star Trek 23:00 Ouincy 00:00 Oprah Winfrey 1:00 Barneby Jones 2:00 Home and Away 2:30 The Sullivans

■ CHANNEL 5

6:30 Bodies in Motion 16:00 Basketball Maccabi Ramat Gan vs. Galil Elyon
 (rp:) 18:00 National League Volleybali
 19:00 NFL 20:30 College Basketbali 22:00 English League Soccer 23:30 Dangerous Games

2 EUROSPORT

10:30 Alpine Skiing, France (rpt) 11:30 Ski Jumping: World Cup, Czech Republic 13:00 Combined Nordic Skiing: World Cup, US 14:00 Cross Country Skiing, Italy 15:00 Triathlon: Grand Prix from Hawaii 16:00 Alpine Skiing 18:00 Soccer: World Cup qualifying matches (rpt) 20:00 Motor racing: Champions' race, Canary Islands 21:00 Speedworld 23:00 Body building 00:00 Eurogoals 1:00 Golf: UAP from Portugal 2:00 Cars

PRIME SPORTS

6:00 Soccer: Asjan Cup 8:00 Chinese League Basketball 9:30 International Motorsports News 10:30 Cricket: Singer Trophy – India vs. Sri Lanka 11:30 Watersports World 12:30 ITU Triathlon World Cup 13:30 Trans World Sport 14:30 Soccer: Asian Cup – quarter finals – live 19:00 Golf: PGA Omega Tour 21:00 NFL 23:30 Chinese League Basketball 1:00 Spanish League Soccer 1:30 Rugby: England vs. Argentina (rpt) 3:00 Trans World Sport

■ BBC WORLD

News on the hour 6:05 Money Programme 10:15 Money Programme (rpt) 11:30 Top Gear (rpt) 14:05 Assignment (rpt) 15:15 World Business Report 15:30 Asia-Pacific Newshour 16:30 Film '96 (rpt) 17:15 Money Programme (rpt) 18:30 Clothes Show (rpt) 19:30 Tomorrow's World (rpt) 22:05 The Money Programme 22:45 Building Sights 23:30 Holidays 00:00 World News and Business Report

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL

News throughout the day 6:30 Prinnacle Report (rpt) 8:30 World View (rpt) 9:30 World Sport 11:30 CNN Newsroom 12:30 Headline News 13:00 Business Day 13:30 CNN American Edition 13:45 Q & A 14:00 Asian News 14:30 World Sport 15:00 Asian News 14:30 Business Sport 15:00 Asian News 15:30 Business Asia 16:00 Larry King Live (rpt) 17:30 World Sport (rpt) 18:30 CNN Computer Connection 19:30 Q & A 20:45 CNN American Edition 21:00 World Business Today 21:30 World News 22:00 Larry King (rpt) 23:00 European News 23:30 Investigative Reports 00:00 World Business Today 00:30 World Sport 1:00 World News Survey 2:30 Moneyline

RADIO

W VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 M orning Concert 9:05 Michaelis Nikolodis: To Fly: Theodorakis: canto General, full version; Stamatis Spanokadis: Alexandros 12:00 Light Classical – Luciano Pavarotti and friends sing excerpts from operas, Italian, American and Spanish songs 13:00 Violinist Oscar Shumsky -Glazunov: Violin concerto in A minor; Corelli/Kreisler: La Follia sonata for violin and piano; Tartini: Variations on theme by Corelli for violin and piano, Sonata in G minor for violin and continuo "Devil's Trill" (with Milton Kay) 14:06 Encore 15:00 Cycle of Works 16:00 Early music 17:00 Etnahta live broadcast from Henry Crown Auditorium, Jerusalem. Yaron Audioridin, Jerusalem. Yaron Windmiller (baritone), Daniel Gortler (plano), Hayuta Dvir (narrator). Schubert: 3 songs from Wilhelm Meister D478; Brahms: Die schöne Magelone song cycle 19:00 Rainbow of Sounds 20:05 Besthowen: Serenade in D for flute, violin and distance of the series of the serie viola op 25 (members of Melos Ens, London): Mozart: Quartet in G minor piano and strings K478 Matter of Agreement 23:00 Just Jazz

CINEMA

9:30 Biathlon: World Cup, Norway (rpt)

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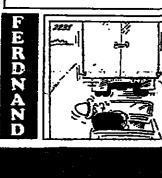
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US Reform lay leaders reject interfaith weddings

THE national board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which is the lay leadership of the US Reform Movement, on Saturday night overwhelmingly rejected a resolution that would have called on Reform rabbis to officiate at interfaith weddings.

The resolution would have set the Reform laity against its clergy. The movement's Central Conference of American Rabbis relies on a 23year-old measure that, in principle, opposes its rabbis' participation in "any ceremony which solemnizes a mixed marriage." However, many Reform rabbis already perform

interfaith weddings.

The Reform Movement is planning a massive campaign for recognition of its conversions in Israel, and it had been feared that the UAHC resolution would have undercut the movement's efforts to gain legitimacy.

Meanwhile, two members of the Ministerial Committee on Conversions yesterday came out in favor of changing a bill to bar Israelis and their spouses from undergoing Conservative and Reform conversions abroad.

Interior Minister Eli Suissa (Shas) and Transportation Minister Yitzhak Levy (National Religious Party) would be altering the com-promise which Prime Minister Binvamin Netanyahu favors.

In a speech carried by satellite to delegates at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations in Seattle last month, Netanyahu indicated he did not want to pass any law to curb Conservative and

Reform conversions abroad. He made it clear that he would

oppose efforts by any Orthodox Conservative and Reform conversions - to do so, so as not to damage the Law of Return issue.

At the same time, Netanyahu made it clear that the law would not permit Conservative and Reform conversions to be performed in Israel. Netanyahu has defended both moves as codifying existing practices, which he said are consistent with the religious status quo.

At a meeting last Sunday of the ministerial panel on conversions. Suissa and Levy sought to persuade the other members to change the bill's language so it would forbid Israelis and their spouses from obtaining conversions abroad and thereby somewhat limit the scope of Reform and Conservative conversions.

One group that would be hit by the Suissa-Levy proposal would be immigrants from the former Soviet Union, who live in Israel but whose spouses often have not been recognized as Jews.

Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein (Yisrael Ba'aliya) said he is somevhat wary of the Suissa-Levy idea.

"I have not rejected their ideas yet, but I want to make sure that there is not a broad definition that hurts the Conservative and Reform movements or has an impact on the Law of Return," he said.

The ministerial panel, which is beaded by Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, decided last week that it also would bar Conservative and Reform conversions in the territories to block Conservative and Reform rabbis from performing conversions under the Palestinian Authority.



Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani (right) strolls beside newly appointed Police Deputy Inspector-General Gabi Last (center) and his replacement as Tel Aviv police chief, Cmdr. Shlomo Aharonishy, after a changing of the guard ceremony yesterday in Tel Aviv. Other senior personnel changes are expected in the force shortly, especially following the resignation of Jerusalem chief

Canadian officials to take testimony from Nazi hunter, witnesses

SENIOR officials from Canada's Justice Department and the Royal Canadian Mounied Police (RCMP) Special War Crimes Unit have arranged to meet with a New York detective this week to receive evidence, including secretly recorded confessions, on the presence of scores of suspected Nazi war criminals in

The meeting on Thursday in Montreal between private investigator Steve Ramban and Canadian authorities follows recent reports in The Jerusalem Post and on Israel Television's IBA News on his findings, which prompted Justice Minister Allan Rock to invite Rambam to present his evidence to Ottawa. Canadian Jewish leader Bernie Farber,

prominent historian Irving Abella, and the head of the Israeli office of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, Efraim Zuroff, will also participate in the meeting. The writers of this article are to be called as material witnesses in part of the original investigation.

Rambam is to hand over secretly taped inter-

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views with alleged Nazi war criminals, which he conducted while posing as a visiting professor from a fictitious university.

Representing Ottawa at the meeting will be Paul Vickery, who heads the Justice Department's War Crimes Unit, and his counterpart at the RCMP, Inspector Jean Dube. Over the weekend, Vickery told the Toronto Globe and Mail that, "If in fact Rambam's interviews were able to be used in court and they were accepted, then they could well tip the balance [in ongoing investigations]."

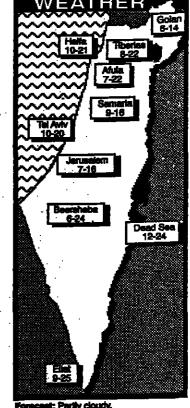
Wiesenthal Center founder and Dean Rabbi Marvin Hier urged Rock last week to move quickly against three men implicated in Rambam's investigation. "We believe that [Rambam's work] constitutes important evidence regarding crimes committed by individuals currently residing in Canada," Hier wrote in a letter to Rock.

"We therefore urge you to take whatever measures are necessary to insure that this important information is reviewed promptly so that it can be fully utilized to bring those guilty of perpetuating the crimes of the Holocaust to the bar of justice, either by prosecution for war crimes or by deportation for immigration vio-

Ottawa has long been criticized for not only admitting thousands of Nazi war criminals into Canada after World War II, but also for refusing for decades to bring them to justice despite repeated demands by Jewish groups. Only in the 1980s did Canada begin to conduct serious war crimes investigations.

Only one Nazi war criminal has ever been deported and another extradited, although an official government investigation has called for immediate legal action against 20 suspected Nazi war criminals and urged investigators to look more closely at 200 other suspects.

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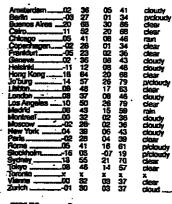
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Minister's Office, which will remain responsible for all other official media links with the GSS, said the new spokesman will be a woman currently employed by the service. The spokesman's identity is expected to be announced within the

places to live. This is no doubt a precedent

Over the past year, the GSS has lost much of its secret image. Its former head, Ya'acov Perry, had his named splashed on the Internet and the Current head, Ami Ayalon, is the first person in the top slot to be offi-

But except for these two positions, the identities of all other employees in the GSS are still

Kleiner: Inquire into Generali's non-payment Tribunal orders Horev of Holocaust victims' life insurance policies

THE chairman of the Knesset subcommittee on insurance affairs, Michael Kleiner (Likud-Gesher), is calling for an immediate inquiry into the alleged failure of Assicurazioni Generali to pay out on life insurance policies of Jews killed in the Holocaust.

Italian-based Generali, one of Europe's largest insurers, is currently in the process of purchasing Bank Leumi's controlling share in Migdal Insurance, a deal which has yet to receive license approval from the

Kleiner said he is disturbed by the claim of Martin Stern, whose grandfather Mor Stern perished in Auschwitz in 1944. In 1945. Mor's son attempted to claim on his father's policy, which had been taken out for Kr 30,000 in 1929, through the firm's Prague

However, Generali told him he would have to provide a death certificate.

Due to nationalization in Czechoslovakia, control of the company's Czech interests was removed from Generali, with its property being expropriated by the government. After lengthy negotiations, the Czechs agreed to pay Generali some \$8 million for the property seized, money that Martin Stern

says should be paid to the families of Jews prevented from collecting on claims in the

Generali vice-director Guido Pastori wrote to Stern last week, saying the company would not pay on the claim.

"We cannot entertain your suggestions, even on moral grounds," Pastori wrote. The use of the term "moral grounds," was

roundly condemned yesterday by Kleiner, who is calling for a team to be set up to investigate the incident and see if there are any other such claims. The committee would comprise a lawyer

and accountant, both appointed by the Israeli government, an independent journalist and a Generali representative, should the company be willing to participate.
Furthermore, Kleiner intends on holding a Knesset insurance subcommittee session on the issue, to which he would summon repre-

sentatives of Migdal and Generali, together Treasury-based Insurance Commissioner Doron Shorer. In Kleiner's opinion, the inquiries

Generali should make payments to families or the State of Israel, or at least make a gesture. That's something the company is currently considering, according to its Israeli legal representative Amihud Ben-Porat.

Kleiner has already turned to Shorer to ask his opinion on the issue, and while still awaiting a reply, said, "We agree on most matters, so I cannot see why we should disagree this time."

Despite repeated attempts to contact him, Shorer is refusing to discuss the issue with the Jerusalem Post.

"The Insurance Commissioner has nothing to do with this issue," Finance Ministry spokesman Eli Yosef said. "If Kleiner wants an answer from Shorer, he should write to him. Shorer will not give replies through the

The cash part of the Migdal deal, which amounts to some NIS 340m., is among the largest ever in the Israeli private sector. While Generali still intends going ahead with the deal, one source within the company said that if the current unpleasantness escalates and becomes a political issue, it might be forced to reevaluate its investment must take a serious look at whether

court martial to continue

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Moslem father demands to see

daughter who fled to haredi home DAVID RUDGE

A MILITARY tribunal sitting in Tel Aviv yesterday rejected a peti-tion by Col Moni Horev to drop charges against him. The court ruled that his court-martial on charges he negligently caused the death of a soldier under his command in a training accident three years ago must proceed.

The precedent-setting courtmartial, headed by Col. Oded Mudrik, did not accept Horev's arguments that the charges against him were not clear. It said that the court could not relieve Horev of responsibility without a trial and it could not clarify the full charges against him until the circumstances surrounding the accident were laid before the court in a

Horev is being charged with four other Givati Brigade officers in the death of Givati Sgt. Yanai Shoshan, who was mortally wounded when a fragmentation grenade went off in his webbing during training. Horev was Shoshan's brigade commander at

A military investigation found that the February 1994 accident occurred because Shoshan was not aware of safety regulations. Horev

THE Moslem father of a teenage

girl who ran away from their

Haifa home to reside with a

haredi family yesterday pleaded

to be allowed to see his daughter.

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Fathi Darweesh informed

and the four other officers were charged with negligence for not ensuring regulations were fol-

lowed. The court martial is expected to decide for the first time whether a brigade commander is responsible for enforcing safety regulations or whether this responsibility lies with less senior officers.

The court martial, which follows persistent civilian court pressure by Shoshan's parents, is being watched closely by senior officers, many of whom see it as a dangerous precedent of outsiders meddling in internal military affairs. The court's decision yesterday

also left open the possibility of separating Horev from the trial of the other four Givan officers. Last month, the High Court of Justice rejected a petition by Shoshan's parents against Horev's appointment as head of the officer training school

The parents charged that allowing Horev to continue in his post was sending a message that officers can afford to be careless with their soldiers' lives. But the court sided in favor of the army, which reasoned that it was unfair to suspend Horev before the military

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year-old daughter, Linda Darweesh, disappeared on November 13. Searches for the runaway lasted for just over a month, with police beginning to express concern for her safety. Linda, whose mother is Jewish, was found yesterday at the home of a haredi family in Haifa. The Haifa police spokesman said the girl said she went to stay with the family of her own free will and does not want to return to her father. However, because she is a minor her father is still her legal guardian. The Ministry of Labor

and Social Affairs is attempting to resolve the case. Darweesh said his daughter is one of three children born to himself and his Jewish ex-wife. The couple was divorced over 10 years ago and their three children remained with Darweesh who remarried, as did his exwife, who now lives in Eilat.

Though their children are Jewish according to Halacha, Darweesh said they all are registered with the Interior Ministry as Moslem Arabs.

He said his eldest son is married and lives in an Arab village. After turning 18, the middle son had gone to live with his mother and become an orthodox Jew.

Darweesh claimed that since then his ex-wife's family - especially a son of hers from a previous marriage - had been "brain-washing" Linda to return to her Jewish religious roots.

"I'm happy that Linda has been found safe and well, but I'm distressed that she says she doesn't want to come home." Darweesh said. "I want the police and the social workers to carry out a thorough investigation into all the circumstances leading [to her running away], and I want to be allowed to see her.

"I don't even know where she is, other than that she's with a haredi family in Haifa. I raised her since she was four years old after their mother gave her up. For nearly 12 years, she didn't see her mother, so how they can suddenly love her, I just don't know."

Winning cards In yesterday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the 7 of spades, the jack of hearts,

of secrecy, the General Security Service intends to appoint shortpublic on matters of collaborator rehabilitation.

next few weeks.

The spokesman will deal with the resettlement and rehabilitation of hundreds of former Palestinian informers. The GSS branch responsible for them has grown so much, that it is commanded by a person whose rank is equivalent to major general. Among its tasks are finding former informers jobs and

for the GSS, even if we are not talking of a spokesman for the GSS, but just a branch," one security source told Israel

cially revealed.